

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

November 5, 2015

Members Present: Cheryl Ebert, Jesse Katen, Amoreena Wade, Laura Evans, Wendy Stewart, Jennifer Monroe, Nancy Abashian, Margaret Coffey

Absent: Lisa Kost (arrived at 9:15), Connie Barnes, Margaret Shiel

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, County Attorney Peter DeWind

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 by Treasurer Jesse Katen

There was no public comment.

The minutes of the regular October 1 board meeting were approved on a motion by W. Stewart, seconded by L. Evans.

Appointments and Resignations:

- Jacqueline Nabinger, senior account clerk, resigned.
- Kathleen Shores was appointed as library clerk.

Reports:

Director's Report:

- Food for Fines program is proposed for the month of December. Patrons with outstanding library fees may contribute non-perishable food items instead of the overdue fines. A motion to accept this program was made by M. Coffey and seconded by C. Ebert and passed.
- The Friends of the BCPL were thanked for the successful staff development day that was held on October 15.
- The rotunda of the library is scheduled to be painted.
- There are concerns regarding an unruly patron. The behavior was reported to County Security Jim Dadamio. Existing county regulations and the code of conduct were reviewed on how to proceed if the behavior is repeated.

Financial Committee Report: Chairperson J. Katen reported that, when the new slate of officers takes over in January, he is willing to continue to manage the Community Foundation account.

Nominating Committee Report: Chairperson C. Ebert informed the board that there is now a full slate of officers proposed for the 2016 calendar year, to be elected at the December meeting. J. Katen submitted his name for consideration as president, L. Evans for Vice President, N. Abashian as Treasurer and W. Stewart for the position of secretary. The board is grateful for their willingness to serve in these positions.

New Business

In accordance with the agreement with the now dissolved Library Foundation, the annual review of the library art collection was conducted during the meeting. The board will further discuss the possibility of having a current appraisal done of the collection.

The Literacy Volunteers request for the use of the library facility to hold a fund raiser in April was approved on a motion by L. Evans, seconded by W. Stewart.

Old Business

The Four County Library contract with BCPL for 2015 has not been signed, citing the new administration fee as the point of conflict. A correspondence from Four County was received, outlining reduction of services if the administration fee is not paid. The board decided to table further action on the contract. A letter will be drafted to be sent to Four County explaining this decision. All interested parties will receive copies of this letter. The current contract remains in effect. The motion was made by A. Wade, seconded by M. Coffey and carried.

Other Business:

The task force to study the idea of a joint library serving SUNY Broome and BCPL will hold its first meeting today. The committee consists of representatives of the college, the library, the County legislature, and the County Executive office.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 on a motion by J. Monroe, seconded by W. Stewart.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Ebert
Secretary