

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session
Minutes

October 1, 2015

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

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, County Attorney Peter DeWind, CSEA President Michelle Ford

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 by President Lisa Kost

There was no public comment.

The minutes of the regular September 3 board meeting were approved on a motion by W. Stewart, seconded by J. Katen.

Reports:

Director's Report:

- The library clerk position which has been open was filled on October 12 by Kathleen Shores.
- The finance committee for the County Legislature will hold the library budget review on October 6. Staff development day is scheduled for October 15 with all trustees invited to participate.
- W. Stewart gave a report on the NYCON training that she and L. Wise attended. NYCON provides training and orientation for boards. A handout from this session was distributed to the board.

Board President Report:

L. Kost announced that she did not wish to serve a third term as president of BCPL Board of Trustees.

Financial Committee Report: Chairperson J. Katen reported that N. Abashian is now a member of the advisory board for the Community Foundation's development fund.

Nominating Committee Report: Chairperson C. Ebert informed the board that no one had come forward to volunteer for any of the offices on the executive committee, to be served starting in January 2016. A slate of proposed officers is required to be presented at the regular December meeting. J. Katen submitted his name for consideration as President. W. Stewart stepped up to be considered for the position of Secretary. The offices of Treasurer and Vice President are still open.

New Business

The conflict of interest forms were due to be completed by the trustees, were completed and submitted.

The Health Department requested the use of the library facilities October 7, November 18, and December 15 from 7:30 to 9:00. Broome County Security will open the building for these times. Literacy Volunteers requested the use of the library facility for a date in April 2016 to hold a fund raiser. With many issues unclear, the board decided to table any decision until more information is available, and we will invite a representative to attend a future meeting to address our questions.

Old Business

The Four County Library contract with BCPL is overdue to be signed. However, several items have not been clarified in this new contract. A motion was made to approve the contract for one year only, with the same conditions as the 2014 budget contract. The motion was made by M. Coffey and seconded by C. Barnes and carried.

The revised CLDA budget was approved as it currently stands on a motion by J. Katen, and seconded by M. Coffey.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 on a motion by A. Wade, seconded by C. Ebert.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Ebert
Secretary