

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

January 7, 2016

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

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

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Jesse Katen at 8:32 a.m.

Public Comments: None

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: Minutes of December 3, 2015 regular Board meeting approved on a motion by C. Barnes and seconded by M. Coffey.

Appointments and Resignations: None

REPORTS:

Director's Report:

- CHOW sent letter of thanks. Library took in two barrels of food during Food for Fines donations drive in December.
- Computer lab is not being used since equipment is obsolete. With the current interest in Makers' Spaces, the suggestion's been made to make over computer lab into makers' space.

Board President's Report:

- Monthly financial statements from the Community Foundation BCPL library fund will move to quarterly.
- J. Katen getting involved in The Big Read program through SUNY Broome, to partner with BCPL. \$20-25,000 for buying books for library & giveaways, booking speakers. BCPL to have input in choosing book and theme. A. Wade and C. Barnes volunteered to liaise with Mary Donnelly, SUNY Broome English Department.

Finance Committee Report:

- None. Motion arose to give the cash donations collected at front desk to Friends of Library. Moved by A. Wade seconded by C. Ebert.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Assignments:

- Ad Hoc Committees (Fund Development and Library Charges) dissolved.
- Other changes recorded in a separate attachment.
- M. Shiel noted that all BCPL board members should help out at or before Friends' book sales, and that there are fewer this year. Next sale is January 23.

Room Rental Policy:

- Wade received a complaint about room rental fee; because of cleanliness, the group is looking elsewhere. Discussion centered on need to address cleanliness rather than price. Lisa W. will follow up with John Bernardo about custodial funds promised in recent budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Responses to letter of last month to 4CLS: other member libraries unhappy with service and thanked us for providing numbers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m. on a motion by C. Ebert, seconded by C. Barnes.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Stewart,  
Secretary