

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

October 5, 2017

Members Present: Jesse Katen, Nancy Abashian, Laura Evans, Kathy Jablonowski, Margaret Shiel, Amoreena Wade

Absent: Connie Barnes, Margaret Coffey, Chelsea Reome, Wendy Stewart

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, Four County Library System Director Steve Bachman, Librarian Sherry Kowalski

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at by J. Katen at 8:35 a.m.

Public Comments: None

Amendments to the Agenda: Acceptance of a donation of a painting by Dr. Frank Gilroy

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: Approved on a motion by M. Shiel, seconded by N. Abashian.

Appointments and Resignations: Appointment of Library Clerk, grade 6, Janis Evangelisti

REPORTS:

Board President: J. Katen is ready to sign the letter addressed to Chair of the Broome County Legislature, Daniel J. Reynolds concerning the renaming of the library. A motion was made by N. Abashian and seconded by L. Evans to send the letter to Chairman Reynolds and send a copy to the Press & Sun Bulletin.

Director: A reminder that the 2018 budget hearing for the library before the Finance Committee of the Legislature is October 24.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Acceptance of the donation of the painting by Dr. Frank Gilroy
A motion was made to accept the donation by K. Jablonowski and seconded by L. Evans. The motion passed unanimously.

- Closing Staff Development Day
A motion to close the building for Staff Development Day on October 23, 2017 was made by M. Shiel and seconded by N. Abashian

- Steve Bachman
 - Distributed a document for board members on the mechanism for pursuing a school library taxing district. After board discussion with S. Bachman it was agreed that J. Katen would make an appointment to meet with Binghamton City School Superintendent Tonia Thompson. Libby Post may be invited back to make a new proposal on consulting with this plan. The consensus from the members present was to move forward with this proposal. S. Bachman was thanked for attending the meeting and presenting the informational packet.

OLD BUSINESS:

- SUNY Broome: Gerry Smith's history class at BCPL is going well. SUNY Broome has been billed for the use of the room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wise

