

**TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
December 20, 2005**

Board members present: Gary Woloszyn, Nathan Fawcett, Henrik Dullea, Gary Ferguson, Rochelle Proujansky, Marcy Rosenkrantz, Barbara Page, Irene Stein and David Weil.

Board members absent: Larry Shinagawa, Rajindra Aneja, Traevena Byrd, Leonardo Vargas-Mendez and Thomas Colbert

Also present: Janet Steiner, Library Director; Susan Frey, Assistant Library Director; Eric Acree, incoming Library Trustee; Robert Sullivan, incoming Library Trustee, and Milagros Hernandez, Board Clerk.

While waiting for the meeting to come to order the Library Director introduced the teen Web site: <http://www.tcpl.org/teen> and passed out bookmarks introducing the Web site. She also passed out the new Youth Service's Happenings newsletter which will be done every month.

Chairman Gary Woloszyn called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (DOC 05-194)

**MOTION** by Dullea to approve the agenda; seconded by Steiner. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes – November 22, 2005 (DOC 05-195)

**MOTION** by Woloszyn to approve the minutes of November 22, 2005; seconded by Stein. The motion carried.

Audit of Bills – December 2005

**MOTION** by Finance Committee to approve the December bills in the amount of \$131,450.75 as outlined in abstracts 36,37,38; carried with one abstention. Fawcett acknowledged concern of the approval process and indicated that the Finance and Personnel committee would address the concern and come back with a recommendation.

2006 Budget

**MOTION** by Finance Committee to approve the 2006 Operating Budget (DOC 05-196, 05-197,05-198, and ?). Carried. Director Steiner pointed out on 2006 Revenue sheet (DOC 05-198) the TCPL Foundation is zero'ed out because those funds are not in hand.

Amnesty Day

**MOTION** by the Library Services and Policy Committee to approve Amnesty Day as outlined in DOC 05-199. Carried.

Library Card Policy Change

**MOTION** by the Library Services and Policy Committee to approve library card policy change as outlined in DOC 05-200. Carried.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Steiner mentioned DOC 05-198 and DOC 05-201 was missing 1<sup>st</sup> page. Hernandez is to forward same to all board members. There were some board members who had spreadsheets cut off when printed, request was made to have Hernandez reformat and supply those to those who needed them.

Steiner passed out NY Better Libraries Political Action Committee flyer and encouraged board to support this effort.

Steiner talked about library future trends as outlined in DOC 05-205.

A PowerPoint presentation was made by Steiner called a *Simpler Plan*. Brief discussion was had on the Public Referendum.

The Board was asked that they think about what month they would like to volunteer to bring snacks for the board meetings. They should bring enough for approximately 20 people. Hernandez will communicate with board as to what month they prefer and snack suggestions. Rosenkrantz will bring in snacks for the month of June 2006.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Woloszyn—Farewell to Irene Stein—She was presented with a gift and certificate of appreciation for her longstanding service as a member of the Board of Trustees. Woloszyn thanked her for her contributions to the board.

Woloszyn commended the TCPL administrative staff for their vigilance through a stringent budget year--they did a great job in delivering services.

LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology – Weil

Went over the Draft 2006-2011 Strategic Technology Plan as outlined in document DOC 05-208. There will be a more final version in February and will have budgetary projections as well at that time. Comments should be sent to David Weil.

Public Information - Stein

Reminder to set meeting with legislators.

Library Services and Policy – Rosenkrantz

Nothing further.

Nominating – No report.

Finance & Personnel – Fawcett

Fawcett reported that negotiations are continuing with one bargaining unit, but have not yet gotten underway with the other. The library will continue under the old contract for now.

Friends – Fawcett

Friends of the Library are gearing up for their April 22<sup>nd</sup> sale.

Foundation – Proujansky

Foundation's board meetings will be switching to second Monday of the month from the fourth Monday. The meetings will be from 4-6PM.

Save the Date reminder: The 2006 Annual Foundation Luncheon is scheduled for May 4, 2006 at the Holiday Inn.

An additional Save the Date reminder: The Foundation is hosting a 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Breakfast at the Holiday Inn on January 13, 2006 from 7:30 – 9:00 am. The library's Anniversary Celebration will be on January 14, 2006.

Raised \$3,412 from Barnes & Nobles (25% of sales for a one week period).

County – No report.

**MOTION** by Stein to adjourn; seconded by Proujansky and carried.

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Recorded by Milagros Hernandez  
Board Clerk and Susan Frey,  
Assistant Library Director

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Endorsed by Gary Woloszyn  
President