

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 23, 2010

TCPL Board members present: Henrik Dullea, President; Eric Acree, Richard Driscoll, Gwen Glazer, Diane Goodman-Daniel, Cynthia Nicholson, Marcy Rosenkrantz, Christine Sanchirico, Nancy Schuler, John Vineyard, Martha Walker

Board members absent: Nathan Fawcett, Michael Hall, Michael Stamm

Also present: Susan Currie, TCPL Director; Rosemarie Rice, Assistant Director; Jean Stewart, Library Secretary; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Executive Director, TCPL Foundation; Bonnie Wojnowski, Youth Services Librarian and Department Head.

Meeting convened at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 10-11

The Agenda was approved, with 2 modifications by President Dullea. He stated that there would be no need for an Executive Session. President Dullea also added a presentation to be made by a staff member. With these modifications, **MOTION** was made to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATION BY BONNIE WOJNOWSKI

Bonnie Wojnowski is the head of the library's Youth Services Department. She explained the Kids Discover the Trail program. The program is a collaboration of the Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) and the Discovery Trail and has been offered for 5 years. It is funded through the IPEI, ICSD, TCPL Foundation and the member organizations which are: the Tompkins County Public Library, the

Johnson Museum, Museum of the Earth at PRI, the Sciencenter, Cornell Plantations, The History Center, and Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

In the beginning, two kindergarten Classes were paired with two 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes, but that has since changed to the library serving 100% of the kindergarten classes in the Ithaca City School District (ICSD). The Trumansburg Central School kindergarten classes joined TCPL for the first time this year. Approximately 400 children were served through the program in 2009.

The concept behind the program is to pair each child with a child from another school. This "buddy" pair will be together for the entire day. The YS department hopes that friendships will develop that will be evident when the children reach middle school.

The preparations and presentation of the KDT programs covers a 3 month period of time each year, and takes the help of the entire YS staff, and several volunteers. The group is split into two groups of about 20 kids. One group goes into the Thaler Howell room for a puppet show and stories, while the other group goes on a scavenger hunt "tour" of the library. Then the groups switch places. The children are served lunches provided by their schools before returning to their schools.

Before the children leave, they are given information on how to get a library card, and their own copy of "Library Lion". Some of the library cards are activated by the parents, but not as many as Youth Services would like. Sometimes, some of the children already have their own library cards. In the past, Youth Services has tried to involve families in the KDT activities, but this has proven not to be cost effective. A lot depends on what else is happening in the community at the time.

There was discussion on how Youth Services might follow up on the children involved in the program, and how to involve the parents.

## ACTION ITEMS

### APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES DOC 10-12

**MOTION** was made by Sanchirico, seconded by Glazer, to approve the minutes of January 26, 2010. Approved unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF BILLS

"I, Treasurer John H. Vineyard, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed all vouchers presented for payment, and that all disbursements are within the approved operating budget of the library, and therefore recommend that the Board of Trustees approve payment of February 2010 bills as outlined in Abstracts 3, 4 and 5, in the amount of \$199,586.56. Approved unanimously.

## FOUNDATION REPORT

Suzanne Smith Jablonski reminded the trustees of the Reception for TCPL donors on March 11, 2010 at the Kroch Library, Cornell University and encouraged them to bring guests. Suzanne will send more information about parking on campus. She also expressed thanks to Marcy Rosenkrantz and Susan Currie for their work with the Foundation Events & Marketing Committee.

The Inside Story Lunch will take place on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club of Ithaca, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Smith Jablonski invited the trustees to be table hosts and explained what that would entail. Board members can also be Ambassadors for tables hosted by the Foundation.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

S. Currie had a meeting with Karen Creenan, Executive Director of Finger Lakes Library System. FLLS will not learn the extent of their budget cuts until the state passes its budget.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Library Legislative Day in Albany. Susan and Rosie will attend, along with staff from FLLS.

The first labor/management meeting, held on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, went very well. The purpose of the meetings was discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, and will be used to identify agenda items, and how to resolve issues before they reach the grievance stage.

R. Rice reviewed the Critical Incident Reports. She also informed the board that the library will have a table for Census questions from patrons set up for 15 hours per week.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dullea thanked all of the Library Lovers Book Fair participants. There was discussion about advertising ideas for next year, buttons, t-shirts, etc. Smith Jablonski said the donation from Barnes and Noble sales was approximately \$1000, and donations from the other book stores was \$100 or less.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology - Minutes of February 15, 2010 meeting included in packet.

Library Services and Policy - Will meet on March 3 to continue discussions about revising the BorgWarner Room policy.

Finance & Personnel - February 17, 2010 minutes submitted in board packet. The committee will work to develop a personnel policy for the TCPL Administration group.

Public Information Committee - The committee met February 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. S. Currie informed the board that Meet & Greet sessions are scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to meet with legislators and tour the library.

Library Art Acquisitions Committee - Did not meet.

Nominating Committee - Met February 8<sup>th</sup>. S. Currie announced that the committee has developed a list of potential candidates for the two board vacancies.

### LIAISON REPORTS

Friends - M. Rosenkrantz asked trustees to sign up for the Booksale. She will send more information.

Legislature - none

Executive session: none.

**MOTION** to adjourn was made by Rosenkrantz, seconded by Vineyard at 5:38 p.m. Carried unanimously.

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Recorded by Jean Stewart  
Library Secretary

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Endorsed by Michael Stamm  
Secretary of the Board