

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
October 27, 2009

TCPL Board members present: Henrik Dullea, President; Eric Acree, Barbara Page, Rochelle Proujansky, Marcy Rosenkrantz, Christine Sanchirico, Michael Stamm, David Weil

Board members absent: Tom Colbert, Richard Driscoll, Nathan Fawcett, Michael Hall, Nancy Schuler, John Vineyard

Also present: Susan Currie, Director; Jean Stewart, Library Secretary; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Executive Director TCPL Foundation

Meeting convened at 4:13 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 09-134

Barbara Page asked that the Agenda be amended to include Action Item #4, Recommendation from the Library Art Acquisitions Committee to de-acquisition the figurines and other items in the Beatrix Potter Collection, and for the library to enter into a contact with David Hall, and Action Item #5, for ratification of the SSA contract.

With those amendments, **MOTION** was made by Proujansky, seconded by Rosenkrantz, to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

**MOTION** by Proujansky, seconded by Stamm, to approve the Minutes of September 22, 2009 meeting. Approved unanimously.

**MOTION** by Page, seconded by Rosenkrantz, to approve the Minutes of October 1, 2009 Special meeting. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

"I, President Henrik Dullea, 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 for payment of October 2009 bills in the amount of \$236,291.47 as outlined in Abstracts 29, 30, 31 and 32. Approved unanimously.

Library Arts Acquisitions Committee Recommendation

**MOTION** to accept the recommendation of the Library Arts Acquisitions Committee to de-acquisition the figurines and other items in the Beatrix Potter collection. Carried unanimously.

Recommendation to enter into contract with David Hall

**MOTION** to enter into a contract with David Hall to sell the books, figurines, etc. in the Beatrix Potter collection. Carried unanimously.

Ratification of 2009-2011 SSA Contract

President Dullea went through the Summary of SSA 2009-2011 Contract Changes with the board members. **MOTION** to ratify the 2009-2011 Support Staff Association Contract. Approved unanimously.

David Weil acknowledged President Dullea and Nathan Fawcett for their hard work to ratify the contract.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Suzanne Smith Jablonski reported that the Annual Appeal is now under way. Suzanne thanked the board members who wrote notes and letters concerning the Annual Appeal.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Susan Currie reported that this was her second day on the job. She is spending her time learning the organization and meeting with the library staff. Currie and Rice attended the budget meeting of the County Legislature. The library's requests were not mentioned at that meeting.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dullea commended Rosie Rice on her time as Interim Director of the library. He reported that he, Rosie Rice and Amy Humber attended the Finger Lakes Library System's Annual Meeting on October 21st. It was well attended by approximately 120 people. The program was interesting and had mystery book writers on the panel. An award was given to Trumansburg Library for the Director of the Year. Advocate of the Year was awarded to Donna at the Lansing Community Library.

President Dullea reminded the board members that the state aid reduction has had a very significant impact on FLLS. Barbara Lifton will chair the Assembly Committee of Libraries. This committee has jurisdiction over legislation introduced concerning the issues affecting public, academic, school and private libraries. The Committee develops and reviews legislation affecting the administration and funding of libraries and library systems across New York State.

Board members were made aware of the letter of resignation of trustee David Weil. On behalf of the trustees, President Dullea expressed appreciation to Weil for all of his work as a trustee. He has been a loyal and valued member of the Finance & Personnel committee, and a major contributor to the implementation of the library's Strategic Technology Plan. He will be missed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology - Did not meet.

Library Services and Policy - Will meet November 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the policy on external links, and making the electronic monitor available to local businesses.

Finance & Personnel - Did not meet.

Public Information - Did not meet.

Art Acquisition Committee - Motions presented to the board.

Nominating Committee - Proujansky said that she will be canvassing committee members for the best date to meet. Two trustee seats need to be filled immediately, and three seats have to be filled to be ready to start on January 1, 2010. She asked the trustees to submit any candidate referrals to her.

### LIAISON REPORTS

Friends - Rosenkrantz thanked everyone that volunteered for a shift at the book sale. She said that the number of trustees working shifts was down and she encouraged members to work a shift at the next sale. Sales seem to be slightly down from last year as of Sunday.

On **MOTION** by Dullea, seconded by Stamm, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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Recorded by Jean Stewart  
Library Secretary

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Endorsed by Thomas Colbert  
Secretary of the Board