

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 27, 2010

TCPL Board members present: Henrik Dullea, President; Eric Acree, Gwen Glazer, Cynthia Nicholson, Marcy Rosenkrantz, Christine Sanchirico, Nancy Schuler, Michael Stamm, John Vineyard, Martha Walker

Board members absent: Richard Driscoll, Diane Goodman-Daniel, Nathan Fawcett, Michael Hall

Also present: Susan Currie, TCPL Director; Rosemarie Rice, Assistant Director; Jean Stewart, Library Secretary; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Executive Director, TCPL Foundation; Jon Long, Circulation Coordinator; Michael Lane, TC Legislator

Meeting convened at 4:09 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 10-37

MOTION was made to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATION BY JON LONG

Jon Long is the Circulation Coordinator here at the library. Jon demonstrated the Kindle, which is available to patrons for in-house use to read The New York Times. We are experimenting with extending the access to the paper via the e-reader. Also, this gives staff the opportunity to learn about circulating new technologies. The patrons have access to the newspaper on the Kindle for a period of two hours. They have to present a library card or photo ID. The Kindle is growing in popularity - it has been requested 10 times in the last 3 weeks. Jon demonstrated how the toggles worked to operate the Kindle and passed it around to the trustees.

President Dullea thanked Jon for his presentation.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES DOC 10-38

MOTION was made by Vineyard, seconded by Glazer, to approve the minutes of March 23, 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 April 2010 bills as outlined in Abstracts 9, 10, 11 and 12, in the amount of \$191,000.51. Approved unanimously.

BORGWARNER ROOM POLICY DOC 10-39

Marcy Rosenkrantz reported that the Library Services and Policy Committee has completed the revisions to the BorgWarner Room policy. She said the main revisions were to the room fees - changing the fees from a 3 hour block of rental time to an hourly rate, and increasing the hourly rate. Upon the recommendation by the Library Services and Policy Committee, the Board of Trustees approved the revisions.

Nominating Committee Report

Michael Stamm updated the board on the status of the vacancies on the board. Stamm met with Susan Currie to discuss the needs of the board. The committee met to review the applicants. Currie met with the candidates, who then went through the interview process. Aloja Airewele has been nominated to fill the position that was held by Rochelle Proujansky. He is a frequent library user and is

an active member of the community. Peter McCracken has been nominated to fill the position once held by Richard Driscoll. He has a strong technology background and uses the library frequently.

Stamm explained that the process is for the board to vote on the committee's recommendation, then the candidates will be presented to the Government Operations Committee of the Tompkins County legislature for approval.

The recommendations of the Nominating Committee were carried unanimously. The recommendations will be sent to the County Legislature for approval.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Suzanne Smith Jablonski reminded the board that the Inside Story Lunch will be on Thursday, May 6th. Over 200 guests are expected so far, and she believes this will be a good "friend" raising opportunity. There will be time to socialize from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The program will begin at 12:00 p.m. Fred Antil will act as Ezra Cornell. There will be a viewing of the video by Photosynthesis. Suzanne hopes that everyone will be able to attend.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Susan Currie reported that she attended the national Public Library Association conference in Portland, Oregon from May 7 - 11, along with two other librarians from TCPL.

Susan shared thank you notes from community organizations and individuals for the outstanding service by TCPL staff.

There was a meeting on May 12th with other area librarians to discuss the possibility of a common county library card. The goal is to have one in place by mid October 2010.

The Volunteer Recognition Event held on April 23 was well attended. Over 60 people attended. Tonya Curran did a great job of putting the event together. Marcy Rosenkrantz also mentioned that the event was really well done.

Rosie Rice gave an update on the meeting she and Susan had with Arel LeMaro, Director of Facilities concerning the conditions around the library. Susan will send a more detailed report to the board members. Rice also said that she is working with Youth Services so that adults can access the internet while small children are in the Youth Services area on the computers. She also spoke about two teenaged patrons that have been banned from the library for one month for disruptive behaviors.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dullea said there was a very positive response at the Library Advisory Council meeting to the presentations made by Sarah O'Shea and Tonya Curran. He expressed thanks to them for their hard work.

He also extended congratulations to Gwen Glazer, who has accepted a Fellowship on technology policy in Washington, D.C. that she will be attending this summer.

President Dullea distributed the Resolution that he is proposing to present to Karen Creenan about her retirement. **MOTION** was made by Marcy Rosenkrantz, seconded by Nancy Schuler, to adopt the Resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology - Minutes of April 19, 2010 meeting included in packet.

Finance & Personnel - May 12, 2010 minutes included in board packet. The committee discussed the impact of the 2011 County budget on the library, and the policy and procedures for the TCPL Administration group.

Public Information Committee - Did not meet.

Library Art Acquisitions Committee - Did not meet.

Nominating Committee - See above.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends - The Friends of the Library Booksale banner will be hung soon. The first weekend of the booksale will be May 8 - 10. Several board members have volunteered. Marcy Rosenkrantz urged volunteers to attend a training session.

Legislature - President Dullea thanked Mike Lane for agreeing to be the liaison for the library again. Mike Lane reported that the legislators will be leaving for a budget retreat; the County is looking into obtaining broadband service access; the County also has interest in the Google project.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Rosenkrantz, seconded by Glazer at 5:30 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Recorded by Jean Stewart
Library Secretary

Endorsed by Michael Stamm
Secretary of the Board