

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 25, 2020

TCPL Board Members Present: Luca Maurer, President; Don Trotter, Thompson Terry, Blix
Taetzsch, Jamie Loehr, Shelley Wong, Anthony Martinez, Liam Murphy, Ingrid Jensen

Board Members Excused: Nina Miller, Nina Scholtz, Jason Moore, Martha Hardesty

Also Present: Annette Birdsall, Library Director; Michelle Benjamin, Business Manager;
Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Foundation Executive Director; Amanda Champion, County Liaison;
Laura Larson, Foundation Board Liaison.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 4:01 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 20-12

A **MOTION** was made by T. Terry and seconded by I. Jensen to approve the agenda. Approved
unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 28, 2020 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 20-13

A **MOTION** was made by B. Taetzsch and seconded by D. Trotter to approve the minutes.
Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED 2019 FINAL BUDGT AMENDMENTS DOC 20-14

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED 2020 BUDGET AMENDMENTS DOC 20-15

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 2019 NYS ANNUAL REPORT DOC 20-16

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY DOC 20-17

Approved unanimously.

AFFIRMATION OF SAFE CHILD POLICY DOC 20-18

Affirmed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PATRON PRIVACY POLICY DOC 20-19

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ART EXHIBIT DISPLAY DOC 20-20

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, Treasurer, Thompson Terry, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payrolls #3 dated 1/30/20, #4 dated 2/13/20 totaling \$113,131.15. 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 February 2020 bills in the amount of \$278,499.97 as listed in Abstracts #4, #5 and #6.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Birdsall gave updates on the Mobile Library project noting the commitment of TCPL outreach funds in the 2020 budget. She extended an invitation to Trustees to participate in the 20th Anniversary celebration. She briefly noted that negotiations are continuing as expected.

LIAISON REPORTS

County – A. Champion announced Leslyn McBean-Clairborne as the new chair and Shawna Black as the vice chair of the legislature. A. Champion is the chair of the Government Operations Committee. Champion informed the board of the new Workforce Diversity & Inclusion Committee chaired by Anne Koreman. As of March 1, single use plastic bag ban is in effect.

Friends – D. Trotter reported the friends are putting books on the shelves for the Spring sale.

Foundation – S. Smith Jablonski reported the 8th annual Readathon is taking place indoors, in the BorgWarner Community Room, this year, from 8:00AM to midnight, featuring 32 reading slots, with the goal of raising \$25,000. The event will be livestreamed as well. Smith Jablonski asked trustees to share stories of library use -- their own or others' -- that can be used in communications. She reported that a gift in memory of David Barber had been received and directed toward the mobile library project.

A **MOTION** was made by B. Taetzsch and seconded by S. Wong to adjourn at 4:46 PM.
Approved unanimously.

Recorded by Michelle Benjamin
Business Manager

Endorsed by Blixxy Taetzsch
Secretary