

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 17, 2020

TCPL Board Members Present: Luca Maurer, President; Blix Taetzsch, Jamie Loehr, Anthony Martinez, Ingrid Jensen, Jason Moore, Don Trotter, Martha Hardesty, Nina Miller, Nina Scholtz

Board members excused: Liam Murphy, Shelley Wong, Thompson Terry

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

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 4:05 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 20-93

A **MOTION** was made by J. Moore and seconded by I. Jensen to approve the agenda with an addition to the agenda. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 27, 2020 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 20-94

A **MOTION** was made by N. Miller and seconded by I. Jensen to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jensen recommended the following whose current term end in 2020, for three years beginning January 2021; Anthony Martinez, Thompson Terry, Martha Hardesty and Don Trotter. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, President, Luca Maurer, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payrolls #23 dated 11/5/20 and #24 dated 11/19/20 totaling \$120,122.69. 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 November 2020 bills in the amount of \$458,889.71 as listed in Abstracts #33, #34 and #35.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

B. Taetzsch gave an in-depth overview of the search committee, civil service, search process and timeline. A brief discussion ensued.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Birdsall gave the final update on the 2020-21 PSA and SSA contract signing and implementation. She had attended the Executive Exchange Retreat on November 13, and plans

to seek the assistance of the Community Relations and Outreach Committee to define attainable goals that can be done right now. She also suggested adding a JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) moment to every Board meeting if the 2021 Chair supports that change. Birdsall also reported that County Health Department Director, Frank Kruppa supports our Express Browsing Services and use of the Borg Warner Community Room for high community need. Of course, all Covid-19 protocols must be in place such as mask wearing, social distancing, and excellent hand hygiene. This is subject to change based on recommendations of the Tompkins County Health Department and/or NY Forward guidance. She continues to work with Business Manager Benjamin and the Finance Committee on the 2021 Budget, and hopes to have more detailed information including a budget impact snapshot at the December Board meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

County – A. Champion noted the next legislature meeting would be the final 2021 budget vote, Champion expects approved recommendations should go through. There will be a special election in February to replace Anna Kelles, New York State Assembly. All Legislator seats will be up for election in November 2021. Champion reminded everyone Community Arts Partners are looking for a Poet Laureate.

Foundation - S. Smith Jablonski reported that the Foundation's Finance Committee is meeting November 16 to review the draft 2021 budget, and the Foundation board of directors continues its recruitment for new members.

Friends – D. Trotter reported on the fall Booksale that ended two weeks ago, two thirds of their stock was sold. Donations will be accepted on November 21.

A **MOTION** was made by M. Hardesty and seconded by N. Scholtz to adjourn at 4:45 PM.
Approved unanimously.

Recorded by Mary McKeon
Administrative Manager

Endorsed by Blixey Taetzsch
Secretary