

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

January 4, 2018

Members Present: Nancy Abashian, Margaret Coffey, Laura Evans, Jesse Katen, Margaret Shiel, Wendy Stewart

Absent: Connie Barnes, Kathy Jablonowski

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, County Attorney Jennifer Suwack

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at by Jesse Katen at 8:35 a.m.

Public Comments: None

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: Approved on a motion by N. Abashian, seconded by L. Evans.

Appointments and Resignations:

- L. Wise's resignation as Director of the BCPL, due to retirement, effective September 28, 2018, regretfully accepted on a motion by W. Stewart and seconded by L. Evans. The Board of Directors thanked J. Katen in thanking her for her work over the past 11 years.
- A. Wade's resignation from the Board of Directors was accepted on a motion by M. Coffey, seconded L. Evans. It was noted that that leaves three vacancies on Board: 2 at-large, 1 City of Binghamton.

REPORTS:

Board President:

- All Board members are on the committee to search for new ED and will send our thoughts on necessary characteristics and qualifications to J. Katen for discussion at February's meeting, following review of position description.
- Discussion of salary and moving expenses.
- County will not pay for HVAC repairs necessary in leaky vault (J. Suwack confirmed).
- Board will conduct a performance review of L. Wise even though she's retiring.

Nominating Committee:

- L. Evans: several resumes received for County Board positions, some of whom will be invited to February's meeting
- Current slate of officers to continue on a motion by M. Coffey, seconded by M. Shiel.

Director: L. Wise:

- Friends of the Library Annual Meeting next Saturday, January 13, at 1 p.m. Board welcome.
- Drag Queen Story Time show scheduled for next Saturday, January 13, at 2 p.m.
- Board asked to distribute Binghamton Devils flyers/Library sign-up flyers
- HVAC repair: G. Smith has said that the Historical Society will contribute \$6000; L. Wise will ask Friends of the Library for \$4000.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

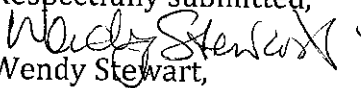
OLD BUSINESS:

- CLDA budget approved on a motion by N. Abashian, seconded by L. Evans.
- Strategic Plan discussed: L. Wise thanked for preparation of Strategic Plan. Discussion of individual Objectives, given that we'll be concurrently searching for new BCPL Director. Add maintain and elevate Brand of BCPL under management goals.
- Discussion of Agreement with 4CLS: to vote on next month.
- Library District: to continue investigating.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Wendy Stewart,

Secretary