

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

February 4, 2016

Members Present: Nancy Abashian, Connie Barnes, Cheryl Ebert, Laura Evans, Jesse Katen, Lisa Kost, Jennifer Monroe, Margaret Shiel, Wendy Stewart, Amoreena Wade

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, CSEA President Michelle Ford, County Attorney Peter DeWind

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at by President Jesse Katen at 8:31 a.m.

Public Comments: None

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: Minutes of January 7, 2016 regular Board meeting approved on a motion by C. Barnes and seconded by C. Ebert.

Appointments and Resignations: None

REPORTS:

Director's Report:

- BU is not able to process our books. Baker and Taylor can do cataloguing and processing for \$1.95 per book but would work only if 4CLS would accept imported items into their system, and 4CLS would charge for the importing of records.

Board President's Report:

- Three contracts up for renewal: Friends of the Library, Literacy Volunteers, Emergency Services. At the March Board Meeting, we will vote on whether to lock in current rates for multiyear contracts. Can Emergency Services still supply a generator if we lock in current rates? L. Wise will check.
- 4CLS contract: have not received contract. Expecting new contract March 31. Discussion of asking County Legislature to consider renegotiating Bookmobile item. L. Kost reminds us that there shouldn't be an increase now, according to 4CLS' justification of having charged us to cover their shortfall. We continue to seek clarification, in light of 2014 audit from Piaker & Lyons showing a large cash surplus and the suggestion that 4CLS may have to furlough employees (S. Bachman's letter of January 16) if we don't cover their shortfall. Suggestion made to write to 4CLS and share as an open letter with member libraries.

- Next week, J. Katen will meet Deb Morello, VP SUNY Broome about a grant application for The Big Read.

Finance Committee Report:

- N. Abashian: has met with L. Wise to clarify our budget situation as the 2015 books close by end February.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Evaluation:

- Director's Evaluation: discussion of how results reported & N/A option (later changed to "No opportunity to observe" for greater accuracy). Due by end of February to J. Katen to be disseminated at the March Board Meeting. New document is approved. Will be revised to separate our unique signatures from the sum totals, presented as aggregate but not averaged.

Patron Ban:

- Escalation of stalking/harassment of one individual associated with the library by a patron who also accessed staff-only areas of the library resulted in L. Wise's recommendation to the Board to ban patron. Discussion of advisability of having Broome County Security recommend patron to Adult Protective Services, which can also reach out to him. Amendment of letter moved by C. Ebert, seconded by A. Wade.

OLD BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m. on a motion by A. Wade, seconded by C. Ebert.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Stewart,
Secretary