

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

February 2, 2017

Members Present: Nancy Abashian, Margaret Coffey, Laura Evans, Kathy Jablonowski, Jesse Katen, Jennifer Monroe, Chelsea Reome, Margaret Shiel, Wendy Stewart, Amoreena Wade

Absent: Connie Barnes

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

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at by President Jesse Katen at 8:36 a.m.

Public Comments: A patron who'd been banned during the work hours of a person who works in the Library has asked that the ban be rescinded completely because of unpredictability of complainant's work hours. J. Katen asked for written request submitted to L. Wise or P. DeWind. Board will discuss request in March.

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: Approved on a motion by A. Wade, seconded by M. Shiel.

Appointments and Resignations: None

REPORTS:

Director: L. Wise:

- Any trustee needing a hard copy of Director's evaluation form distributed electronically to let L. Wise know (due to J. Katen 2/24)
- Met with Donna Lupardo. Governor Cuomo wants to cut 4% again, hoping to get 4% back. Meeting with Jason Garner February 10: let L. Wise know if you can attend
- Library Advocacy group going to Albany March 1: let L. Wise know if you can attend. From N. Abashian:
https://www.nyla.org/max/4DCGI/cms/review.html?Action=CMS_Document&DocID=62&MenuKey=advocacy
- Discussion of Fine Arts Society painting stolen from Exhibit Room in December and request from the President of FASST for more surveillance cameras to be installed. Decided that it's not feasible to increase the number of cameras, and, while unfortunate, this was the only theft from the Exhibit Room
- Hungry Ear and Big Read programs being publicized. We have asked that the The Big Read be put up on Broome County website

Board President: J. Katen:

- Get Director's evaluations to J. Katen by Feb 24
- Attended Annual Meeting of Friends of Library Jan 21: very positive. This their 50th anniversary. Discussion of meaningful way to honor them.
- Meeting with Jason Garner Feb 10 important: please attend. Importance of showing up & supporting
- Check if any Committee appointments need filling or changes.
- Staff appreciation: A. Wade suggests having birthdays off (or within same pay period), but CSEA contract would require that that's a "floater," one of four per year. Must be used within the year. A. Wade suggests adding one free-floater. With 14 staff, that's two weeks. Would take effect in 2019 contract. Card signed by board? Other suggestions to boost morale?

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- SUNY Broome: no update. Starting fall planning, so will know soon whether we can offer classes in the library
- L. Wise followed up with Lillian Fan of STAP: willing to have sharps container in our restrooms if they can provide at no charge. Waiting to hear back

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Stewart,

Secretary