

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

February 1, 2018

Members Present: Nancy Abashian, Margaret Coffey, Laura Evans, Kathy Jablonowski, Margaret Shiel, Wendy Stewart

Absent: Connie Barnes, Jesse Katen

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, County Executive Office Assistant Christina Cramer, Fidelis Care Representative Karyn Palmer

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at by L. Evans at 8:35 a.m.

Public Comments: Karyn Palmer of Fidelis Care asking for presence on BCPL site: a representative to help patrons with applications for health care and customer service once or twice per month as people change from DSS to Department of Health (statewide) to prevent disruption to coverage, which is significant in many counties, will help members of other plans to keep coverage, and to assist with CHIP, Medicare, Medicaid, and other plans. She will be invited to make a proposal to the BCPL next month. kpalmer@fideliscare.org

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: Approved on a motion by K. Jablonowski, seconded by M. Coffey.

Appointments and Resignations: None

REPORTS:

Board President: J. Katen absent

Nominating Committee:

- Introductions: three prospective Board members
 - Peter DeWind
 - Larry Parham
 - Sara Tarricone

Slate approved on a motion by W. Stewart, seconded by M. Shiel.

Director: L. Wise:

- The Drag Queen Story Hour in January was successful, with 200 people attending and 20 new applications for library cards (as many as we typically get in a week). It

was noted that we need to improve communication with County Executive office before hosting controversial events. Ingraham Books to feature BCPL on podcast.

- AARP free tax clinics starting tomorrow (Feb 2-April 13): volunteers Monday-Saturday to help with taxes.
- Vault HVAC repair is covered with the Historical Society contributing \$6,000 and the Friends contributing \$4,900. Discussion of the appropriateness of having to pay for repairs to a County-owned building by other non-profit organizations.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Automation Contract: Approved on a motion by M. Shiel seconded N. Abashian.
- Purchasing Contract: Approved on a motion by K. Jablonowski, seconded by W. Stewart. One opposed. We will ask for greater transparency from 4CLS.
- Committee Assignments: K. Jablonowski will join the Nominating Committee. Approved on a motion by N. Abashian, seconded W. Stewart.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Strategic Plan: Approved on a motion by W. Stewart, seconded N. Abashian. L. Wise commended for comprehensiveness of strategic plan. Discussion of the need to revisit the programming policy. L. Parnham, S. Tarricone, and K. Jablonowski interested in working on programming policy.
- Director Search: tabled to next month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Stewart,
Secretary