

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

May 5, 2016

Members Present: Cheryl Ebert, Jesse Katen, Amoreena Wade, Laura Evans, Jennifer Monroe, Nancy Abashian, Margaret Coffey, Connie Barnes

Absent: Wendy Stewart, Lisa Kost, Margaret Shiel, Library Director Lisa Wise

Also Present: County Attorney Peter DeWind, Library Staff members Sherry Kowalski and Jennifer Keysor

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 by President Jesse Katen

There was no public comment.

Corrections to the regular board meeting minutes from April:

Master Gardeners is not a "club". Minutes should read simply "Master Gardeners".

Laura Evans was present.

Director Lisa Wise offered to ask Four County about the bookmobile making visits to the north and northwest sides of Binghamton.

Minutes were approved as corrected on a motion by Margaret Coffey, seconded by Nancy Abashian.

Appointments and Resignations: Kelsey Matoushek was appointed LibrarianII on a motion by Amoreena Wade, seconded by Laura Evans.

Reports:

HOOPLA was introduced by Sherry Kowalski and Jennifer Keysor. This is a new digital content service via Midwest Tapes which offers the lease of ebooks, audiobooks, music, movies and television programming, thus expanding the offerings to patrons beyond the current Overdrive selections.

A motion was made by Margaret Coffey to authorize Lisa Wise to pursue an agreement with HOOPLA for a test period to gauge public interest, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, pending approval by the County. Motion was seconded by Connie Barnes and carried.

President's Report:

President Jesse Katen reported a drug overdose incident in the public lounge. Emergency services responded. Security guards on duty at the library are trained to administer narcan as appropriate in these incidents.

A patron, who was previously banned from the library returned in disguise, was recognized and departed.

SUNY Broome requested consideration to be able to use BCPL at the site for a course offered to home schoolers as prep for college. A tuition discount can be offered if a course is offered off-site. This would be a trial opportunity to see the effectiveness of partnering between the organizations. A motion was made by Cheryl Ebert to offer the use of our facility for the 4 to 6 week period of the course, meeting twice a week, at a 50% reduced usage fee, meaning \$100 per week of the course. Motion was seconded by Connie Barnes and seconded.

New Business:

The FAX policy and fees were presented in the meeting packet. The FAX policy was approved on a motion by Laura Evans, seconded by Nancy Abashian.

Old Business

The Joint Library with SUNY Broome exploration will proceed with "baby steps".

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 on a motion by Margaret Coffey, seconded by C. Barnes.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Ebert".

Cheryl Ebert
Trustee