

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

June 1, 2017

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

Absent: Jennifer Monroe

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, County Executive Chief of Staff Ben Lainhart, CSEA President Nicole Alfarano-Halwachs

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at by President Jesse Katen at 8:30 a.m.

Public Comments: None

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: Approved on a motion by C. Barnes, seconded by C. Reome.

Appointments and Resignations: None

REPORTS:

Board President: J. Katen:

- Attended Gerry Smith's opening of the exhibition for the 150th anniversary of City of Binghamton.
- Thanks to N. Abashian for providing free registration for Librarian Sherry Kowalski for the July 19 Social Justice Summit at BU.
- C. Ebert removed and K. Jablonowski added to Community Foundation Board; all Board members asked to sign Advisory Board membership update.
- Ben Lainhart, County Executive Assistant would like to set up a meeting to discuss more sustainable funding for BCPL: Wednesday, June 14 at 9 a.m.

Director: L. Wise:

- On May 18, before the budget kickoff, County Attorney Bob Behnke gave a short presentation on answering FOIL requests. Any email or other documents within the past six years could be FOILED.
- The County appropriation for 2018 budget should remain the same as in 2017.
- The Library Board Finance Committee will meet on June 28 at 5 p.m. to go over the 2018 budget, which must be finalized and voted on during the July 6 meeting.

- The Medal of Honor ceremony was held in the Local History Center on May 30 for Lawrence Peters, who died in 1967 in the Vietnam War. His medals will be housed in the Local History Center.
- A gift basket of new DVDs and books on CD will be sent from Midwest Tape in lieu of cash for the Friends of the Library 50th anniversary celebration.
- Because of an injury at a Friends book sale due to snow in the parking lot last winter, snow will now be cleared every Saturday as well as during the week.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board expressed thanks to L. Wise for hosting the Board of Trustees Workshop last month.
- N. Abashian to chair ad hoc Fun With Friends Library Liaison Committee. K. Jablonski, M. Shiel, M. Coffey, J. Katen, Ben Lainhart on committee. To present ideas at next Friends meeting.
- Ben Lainhart proposed that the MBA students interning with the County work with BCPL on rebranding campaign. Michelle Ford suggested SUNY Broome students make a video on the theme of Not Your Grandma's Library. J. Katen will follow up. A. Wade will chair a new event.


OLD BUSINESS:

- SUNY Broome: Local history course to go ahead in Fall semester; other courses in the planning stage.
- Friends of the Library Celebration: to be held on August 12, time tba.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Stewart,
Secretary