

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

July 7, 2016

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

Absent: Jennifer Monroe

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, CSEA President Michelle Ford, County Attorney Peter DeWind, SUNY Broome Professor Mary Donnelly, Ms. Kristin Gordon-Pier, Ms. Kelsey Matoushek

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Jesse Katen at 8:32 a.m.

Public Comments: None

The Big Read: Presentation by Professor Mary Donnelly. Professor Donnelly discussed plans for SUNY Broome's partnering with BCPL and other community members in early 2017 to focus on Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* and the legacy of the Vietnam War

- Oral agreement with O'Brien to read March 24; hoping for County Executive funding
- Kickoff would be late February with a deliberative discussion in the BCPL Decker Room
- SUNY Broome publishing a discussion manual, a magazine-like document to promote discussion.
- Dramaturge working up a script to be read mid-March in the Phelps Mansion
- Professor Donnelly asked BCPL to focus reading groups on *The Things They Carried* for 6-7 weeks over February-March
- Professor Donnelly is soliciting ideas about other activities SUNY Broome and BCPL could collaborate on. Discussion:
 - A. Wade: check with Boscov's about their recent Vietnam war-themed window display
 - C. Barnes: Brunelli Gallery has a large photo collection; arrange a tie-in to First Friday
 - W. Stewart: check with Clara Barnhart of Binghamton Poetry Project about Veterans' Poetry Group
 - Need to count all attendees carefully, paying attention to how many are over and under age 18, and conduct post-event assessment. SUNY Broome will provide these forms.

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: Minutes of June 2 meeting approved on a motion by C. Barnes, seconded by C. Ebert

Appointments and Resignations:

- Kathleen Smith, Senior Library Clerk, has retired. Approved on a motion by C. Ebert, seconded by N. Abashian.

REPORTS:

Board President: J. Katen was challenged to spend a morning at the Circulation Desk & expressed appreciation for the staff in that role. M. Ford thanked him on behalf of staff

Director: L. Wise advised that HOOPLA is working and will start on August 1

- 4CLS will be meeting with County Executive on July 28; Board encouraged to attend. 4CLS has increased automation fees by 3% without explanation. We have 4CLS's annual report on file

NEW BUSINESS:

- Appointment: Youth Services librarian Kelsey Matoushek, formerly of the Vestal Public Library, introduced and welcomed by Board. Ms. Matoushek's programming for children has already begun successfully as she has visited 2 schools and has met with over 600 students.
- 2017 Budget: Approved on a motion by C. Barnes, seconded by W. Stewart

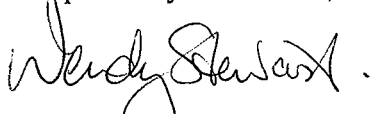
OLD BUSINESS:

- Joint Library SUNY Broome: see Professor Donnelly's presentation, above
- Nominating Committee: No report. Still looking for Binghamton representation

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:17 a.m. on a motion by A. Wade and seconded by M. Shiel, to discuss the ongoing patron ban. Executive Session adjourned at 9:45 on a motion by A. Wade and seconded by C. Barnes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m. on a motion by M. Shiel.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Stewart,
Secretary