

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

September 1, 2016

Members Present: Cheryl Ebert, Laura Evans, Jesse Katen, Jennifer Monroe, Margaret Shiel, Wendy Stewart, Amoreena Wade

Absent: Nancy Abashian, Connie Barnes, Margaret Coffey

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, CSEA President Michelle Ford, Proposed Trustee Chelsea Reome

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at by President Jesse Katen at 8:34 a.m.

Public Comments: None

Amendments to the Agenda: CLDA budget and plan of service was added.

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: One correction to the minutes of August 4: L. Evans is VP, not Treasurer.

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

Appointments and Resignations:

L. Wise is interviewing for senior library clerks.

REPORTS:

Board President: J. Katen and the Board welcomed Chelsea Reome, expected to be approved as Trustee this month by Legislature.

Director: L. Wise noted that the Friends of the Library are looking for volunteers for outgoing Secretary and President. Board is urged to consider replacements with organizing expertise and reminded of the Friends' importance: their book sales are the only fund-raising mechanism for the library, much-needed funds for children's programming. It is labor intensive, from Thursday night to Saturday afternoon. Suggestions to get help with the sales from BU's Center for Civic Engagement, fraternities, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Historical Society Memorandum of Understanding: approved on a motion by M. Shiel, seconded by C. Ebert.
- Conflict of Interest: all present signed

- Staff Development Day: October 5 approved on a motion by A. Wade, seconded by J. Monroe. Board invited to any part of day: please email L. Wise by September 28 to get numbers for food.
- CLDA Plan of Service:
  - L. Wise pleased to note that Purchased Services now include Blue Cloud Visibility: BCPL's holdings will now turn up on a Google search when potential patrons look for a book in Google.
  - C. Reome points out that it would be helpful to quantify the improvements listed under Intended Results: incorporate more specific measures of improvement to ensure accountability. Moved to accept by C. Ebert, seconded by W. Stewart.
- CLDA Budget: Training on legal issues particularly appreciated. Approved on a motion by C. Ebert, seconded by L. Evans.

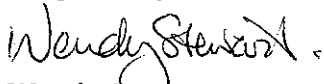
OLD BUSINESS:

- Joint Library-SUNY Broome: SUNY Broome has contacted us to offer a math class in the Library, but we do not have enough computers. Will keep us in mind. J. Katen will invite SUNY Broome to hold History and English classes here to make use of our resources, including the Makers' Space.
- Discussion of how to promote our resources for classes, branding, making video.
- HOOPLA Press Conference with Debbie Preston happening today at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Stewart,  
Secretary