

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

November 3, 2016

Members Present: Connie Barnes, Margaret Coffey, Cheryl Ebert, Jesse Katen, Jennifer Monroe, Chelsea Reome, Wendy Stewart, Amoreena Wade

Absent: Nancy Abashian, Laura Evans, Margaret Shiel

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, County Historian Gerry Smith, CSEA President Michelle Ford

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: Gerry Smith, County Historian will present. Conference Presentation by Nancy Abashian deferred to December

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

Appointments and Resignations: Cara Crisanti starting as Library Clerk on Monday

REPORTS:

Board President:

- J. Katen: see old business

Director:

- L. Wise: will be away on medical leave in November. S. Kowalski, Librarian III to cover duties
- Read for the Record: letter of appreciation received from Sherry Reid, 4CLS, for BCPL's participation in successful event
- Discussion of L. Wise's Intrinsic Value Report well received by Finance Committee last month. L. Wise commended by Board for compiling this valuable document

Nominating Committee:

- M. Shiel's Board appointment is ending December 31, 2016. M. Shiel is willing to serve another five year term. Connie moves, Cheryl Ebert seconds: M. Shiel is nominated to continue
- C. Ebert: Kathy Jablonowski is willing to be nominated to serve on BCPL Board filling Johnson City seat. BCPL Board to vote in December

NEW BUSINESS:

- Library Art Work: (Review) Catalogue of Library's art holdings reviewed, all accounted for. Following discussion of insurance implications of lending out artwork, decided not to lend out
- Food for Fines: (Approve)
 - Movement to approve collecting Food for Fines for whole month of December by C. Ebert, seconded by W. Stewart
 - Discussion of collecting money as well as food for CHOW. Decided not to: other county bodies are doing so, and because of accounting responsibilities
- Gerald Smith, County Historian: (Discussion)
 - Update on use of resources by various groups and individuals; need continues despite availability of internet resources; heavy reliance on volunteer services for data input and research inquiry; importance to media
 - Working on getting a SUNY history class or English class over to library
 - Exhibit for next year: Binghamton's 150th anniversary as incorporated city (April 2017) working on getting June-November in Exhibit Room, original materials from Roberson

OLD BUSINESS:

Joint Library SUNY Broome: (Discussion):

- SUNY Broome offering Fast Forward course (for high school students accepted to college in fall) here in Spring.
- Still working on offering an English 110 course here in the spring. M. Coffey suggests teaching Tai Chi here.
- A. Wade suggests not doing brochures on calendar

EXECUTIVE SESSION: C. Barnes moves, C. Ebert seconds move into exec session 9:04 a.m. Coffey moves, A Wade seconds return to regular session at 9:06 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS: A. Wade and J. Katen meeting with Southern Tier AIDS Program about heroin overdoses in libraries (follow up from Narcan training and LA Times article discussed last month)

Since N. Abashian's report deferred, M. Coffey moves to adjourn and A. Wade seconds adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Stewart,
Secretary