

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

November 2, 2017

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

Absent: Margaret Shiel

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at by Jesse Katen at 8:31 a.m.

Public Comments: None

Amendments to the Agenda: Discuss Food for Fines under New Business

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

Appointments and Resignations: None

REPORTS:

Board President:

- J. Katen: following presentation by Steve Bachman, spoke to Tonia Thompson Superintendent of City Schools: she is open to discussion of Public Library Redistricting. Asked us to set up a meeting with her and Steve to discuss process, will move ahead to discuss City School District on Library. Connie suggest asking Liz Rosenberg to attend meeting. L. Wise suggests bringing in Director of the Southern Tier Library System, Brian Hildreth, to present rather than Libby Post.
- Fundraising Committee: met with Phil Howell/Katrina: Drag Queens Runway Show, Ladies of the Library. (fundraiser) & story time (as community engagement, not fundraiser) story time in January, fundraiser in April. \$5-10 tickets at the door. DJ, catering, raffles, etc.
- *Press and Sun Bulletin* will not publish our letter. J. Katen will revise letter as Guest Viewpoint. Letter should focus on the fact that we are a governing board mandated by the Department of Education. N Abashian suggests getting endorsement/statement from Board of Regents. G. Smith, Historian pointed out NY court decision about governing boards and their educational institutions.
- Discount at February 3 Binghamton Devils hockey game if you have library card, sign up for card to get discount. Sponsored by Friends.

Nominating Committee:

- L. Evans: K. Jablonowski to join L. Evans and C. Barnes on Nominating Committee. One applicant eligible to fill J. Monroe's vacant seat has submitted resume; others are being encouraged to apply. One city and one county vacancy by end of 2017. W. Stewart will continue as Secretary for 2018.

Director: L. Wise:

- Legislature suggesting bringing back Deputy County Historian
- 350 people came for children's library Halloween Party to garden over the weekend. Party destroyed in 15 minutes by crashers who stole all food, party supplies while Security was diverted to Book Sale and volunteers scheduled to help did not show up, leaving the Children's Librarian alone. Discussion of need to train security.
- Donation to Garden: discussion resulted in decision made against accepting artwork; suggestion will be made to donate plants & upgrades as needed, with a small in-ground plaque to recognize donors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Library Artwork: Reviewed.
- Food for Fines: will be held for entire month of December. Approved on a motion by A. Wade, seconded by K. Jablonowski.


OLD BUSINESS:

- SUNY Broome: will not be able to hold classes here next spring because the space is needed for other commitments.
- Librarian Tim Bridgman praised for making SUNY Broome student comfortable with computers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Stewart,
Secretary