

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

December 7, 2016

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

Absent: Connie Barnes, Margaret Coffey

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, Librarian Sherry Kowalski, County Attorney Peter DeWind

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: None

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

Appointments and Resignations: C. Ebert thanked for her 10 years of service as a BCPL trustee. K. Jablonowski proposed as new trustee to start in 2017.

REPORTS:

Board President: J. Katen

- Clarification: K. Jablonowski will be nominated as BCPL Trustee by County Executive
- Trustees asked to think about committee changes for January's meeting
- SUNY Broome at the Library project approved: they will furnish a classroom (including technology) in what's now the Exhibit Room (to be renamed, likely "SUNY Broome at the Library Room") for their use for various classes: Math 124 in Spring 2017; first-year English and Math and Gerry Smith's local history class in Fall 2017. SUNY Broome will pay BCPL \$400 per course and BCPL can rent out the room when not needed for SUNY Broome classes
- J. Katen and A. Wade met with Southern Tier AIDS Program yesterday about overdoses in library. STAP will present to BCPL Board in January

Director:

- L. Wise: may see changes in library signage
- BCPL received a plaque and a certificate of thanks and recognition from NY State and Community Options in the last month
- Trustees invited to attend the Staff holiday party December 14, 11:30-2 p.m.

- Help needed to set up the book sale on December 9, 1-4 p.m.

Nominating Committee: see Appointments and Resignations

NEW BUSINESS:

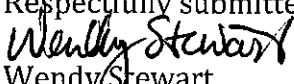
- Mary Donnelly asked whether BCPL would donate space for The Big Read deliberative discussions in March 2017. Approved on a motion by W. Stewart, seconded by A. Wade
- 2017 Slate of Officers: current slate accepted on a motion by A. Wade, seconded C. Ebert:
 - President: Jesse Katen
 - Vice-President: Laura Evans
 - Treasurer: Nancy Abashian
 - Secretary: Wendy Stewart
- Library Update: Sherry Kowalski reports minor computer problems which IT is addressing
- Conference Presentation: Nancy Abashian attended the Back in Circulation conference in October in Wisconsin and recommends supporting BCPL employees' attending in the future.
 - Sharing three themes from the conference: Space, service, and journey-mapping Service: behaviors, etc. "Putting the Fun in Fines" from Lester Public Library: to increase PR and promotion, create goodwill, and collect outstanding fines
 - Some promotions: books for bucks (kids read off their fines); Return book on time Get Out of Jail Free; Black Friday Sales (50% off fines); buy fines ahead of time (deposit account); social media: fables for fines (write stories to pay off fines); holiday fines, etc., resulted in \$1 million fines being collected in a year
 - C. Ebert proposes a joint committee between BCPL Staff and Board to see which of these great marketing ideas we might implement, or which new ones we could develop. J. Katen proposes ad hoc committee

OLD BUSINESS:

Joint Library SUNY Broome: (Discussion): J. Katen: draft agreement would be based on SUNY Broome at the Roberson

EXECUTIVE SESSION: C. Ebert moves to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 9:06 a.m. A. Wade seconds. C. Reome moves and J. Monroe to return to regular session at 9:09 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Stewart,
Secretary