

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

December 7, 2017

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

Absent: Margaret Shiel, Kathy Jablonowski, Amoreena Wade

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, County Attorney Jennifer Suwak, Woodson Agte

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

Public Comments: Woodson Agte interested in serving on Board

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: with change of moving second bullet point under Nominating Committee to the President's Report (about J. Katen revising our letter to County for the *Press and Sun Bulletin* as a Guest Viewpoint) minutes approved on a motion by C. Barnes, seconded by C. Reome.

Appointments and Resignations: None

REPORTS:

Board President:

- Spring drag show fundraiser cancelled—Friends won't support because of liability issue with alcohol in library
- J. Katen is working on a letter to County regarding the recent name change and do education around governance structure and education law regarding BCPL; we are under jurisdiction of State Board of Regents, not County
- Jennifer Suwak, County Attorney in Law Department, will help to research

Nominating Committee:

- All current officers willing to continue for 2018: to vote on slate in January

Director: L. Wise:

- On November 26, cracks appeared in second floor ceiling. Scott Mastin, Engineer from County Public Works and Elizabeth Telfer from Delta Engineers investigated and pronounced it not a structural problem but pointed out the need to keep monitoring. A sign fell from ceiling on first floor. There had been an earthquake in

Delaware a couple of days afterwards. Vault started leaking, damaged documents and archival boxes. Happened again on Wednesday, November 29. New system needed: to receive quote. Most photos recovered but one damaged irreparably. Discussion of why County would not pay for repair/upgrade, since it's their building.

- Gerry Smith looking for new deputy historian to replace him when he retires. County Exec appoints historian, but historian appoints deputy. 9 hrs week.
- Food for fines: WBNG here last night.
- Friends are holding holiday luncheon for staff next Tuesday, Dec 12. Board welcome.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CLDA budget: discussion tabled to January pending discussion on a motion by C. Barnes, seconded by W. Stewart.
- 2018 holidays: only changes are to close for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 21 at 5 and for Christmas on Monday, December 24 at 1 p.m. Approved on a motion by M. Coffey, seconded by C. Barnes.
- Strategic Plan: read and vote to adopt in January.


OLD BUSINESS:

- Library District: Discussion of whether 259 (separate taxing district) would benefit BCPL. Conclusion: it would not. J. Katen will meet with Tonya Thompson to discuss being put on Binghamton school ballot for budget. Discussion of rebranding revived: get marketing interns from BU. Be on lookout for grants. Americorps has changed its mission and may not be able to help. Homework: find out where to start budget for rebranding

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by M. Coffey, Seconded C. Reome. Entered at 9:14 a.m. moved to return M. Coffey seconded C. Barnes 9:19 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Stewart,
Secretary