

**The Nyack Library
Board of Trustees
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 17, 2017**

Present:

E. Michael Growney, **President**
Mary Anne Evangelist, **Vice President**
Stephen Beck, **Treasurer**
Debra Karten, **Secretary**
Ellyse Okin Berg
Chris Bresnan
Peter Danish
Henry Minnerop
Roger Seiler
Cora Sarjeant Wilder

Absent:

*Peter Vermazen

*=Excused

Staff: Jane Marino, Library Director
Sharon Alfano, Business Manager
Minerva Parker, Board Clerk

Call to Order:

The Board President Mr. Growney called the Regular Monthly Meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Agenda Approval:

Upon motion by Dr. Evangelist, seconded by Dr. Wilder, it was resolved to approve the proposed revised agenda to move Public Comments to #3 on the agenda to allow the public to comment on the employees unionizing. Each person is allowed to speak for 3 minutes, allowing a total of 21 minutes on this topic. The yes votes were unanimous.

Public Comments:

Dave Prouty, resident of Upper Nyack, supports collective bargaining. Mark Dery waived his time. Ira Spiegel, resident of Nyack, feels that hiring the law firm gives the appearance of a negative attitude the Board is taking on this issue. John Gromada, resident of Nyack, patron and a member of two unions, feels the Library will be a much better place with unionize workers. Barbara Cohig, resident of Nyack, member of a union, stated that the Board should respect the employee's decision to unionize. James Anderson, resident of Upper Nyack, appalled the library is using taxpayer's money to hire a union busting law firm. Tony Cruz, resident, union member, what is the fear in unionizing? Russ Rizner, resident, unionism by its nature is democratic, to hire a firm which isn't pro union is un-democratic, what's the fear? Bill Capowski, resident, NYSUT representative.

Mr. Growney responded that because this is a legal process, the library has hired a law firm. The Library does not have an in-house attorney to handle this type of legal matter, so the Library hired a lawyer to represent the Library and the employees on this legal matter. The vote is scheduled for Monday, July 24, 2017, and whatever the outcome

from that the Board will abide by it. Mark Dery, resident, would like the Board to consider other law firms, one that is not against unions.

Report from Finance Committee-Bond Refinancing:

8:10 pm Upon motion by Dr. Evangelist, seconded by Ms. Berg, the Board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session to discuss the report from Finance Committee on Bond Refinancing.

10:00 pm Upon motion by Dr. Evangelist, seconded by Mr. Seiler, the Board unanimously agreed to come out of Executive Session.

Upon motion by Mr. Seiler, seconded by Dr. Evangelist the Board unanimously agreed to accept the Resolution with corrections, presented by the Finance Committee to refinance the 2007 Series A Bonds with TD Bank. The adoption of the foregoing resolution was put to a roll call vote, which results follow: E. Michael Grownney, yes; Mary Anne Evangelist, yes; Stephen Beck, yes; Debra Karten, yes; Ellyse Okin Berg, yes; Chris Bresnan, yes; Peter Danish, yes; Henry Minnerop, yes; Roger Seiler, yes; and Cora Sarjeant Wilder, yes. See attached full resolution.

Review of the Minutes:

Upon motion by Ms. Berg, seconded by Mr. Danish, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2017, with corrections to the Development Committee Report to say \$1,000 for Museum Passes from the Friends of the Library and a correction to Old Business to say Dr. Evangelist repeated her request to have access to an employee staff directory, which includes pictures. There were nine yes votes and one abstained vote by Ms. Karten.

Director's Report:

Mrs. Marino summarized her written report. Included with the report is a proposal from Office Dynamics to replace the copier in the Reference Department. This would be at no cost to the Library they will supply paper and toner, collect the money from it, and repair when necessary.

Upon motion by Dr. Evangelist and seconded by Mr. Bresnan, the Personnel Actions were unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Bresnan, seconded by Dr. Wilder, it was resolved to accept the Technology & Outreach Inventory Report. The yes vote was unanimous.

10:20 p.m. **Upon motion** by Dr. Evangelist, seconded by Mr. Bresnan, the Board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters.

10:50 p.m. **Upon motion** by Dr. Evangelist, seconded by Ms. Berg, the Board unanimously agreed to come out of Executive Session.

Committee Reports:

Development Committee:

Upon motion by Ms. Berg to accept the Gifts & Grants Report for June 2017 and seconded by Mr. Danish, the Board resolved to accept with appreciation \$40 in General Support, and \$1,000 from Friends of the Nyacks. The yes vote was unanimous.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

As of June 30, the Library has \$9,965,000 in Outstanding Bonds. Cash balance on June 30 in the Library's accounts was \$501,916. Operations and Budget Performance for FY 2017 realized a \$128,797 cash surplus from all library

enterprises. For FY 2017 the DePew House operated at a cash deficit of \$60,578. For FY 2017 the Stevenson House produced a cash surplus of \$19,135.

Upon motion by Ms. Karten, seconded by Mr. Bresnan the Board unanimously accepted the Financial Statements as presented.

Upon motion by Mr. Seiler and seconded by Mr. Bresnan it was resolved that the Nyack Library Board of Trustees approve the following disbursements for June 2017 which have been reviewed by the President and/or the Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer: General Fund Expenses of \$39,968.77, Rental Fund Expenses of \$8,802.40, Debt Service Fund Expenses of \$2,750.00, Payroll Disbursement for pay date June 8, 2017 for \$52,252.67, Payroll Disbursement for pay date June 23, 2017 for \$52,955.54. The Board unanimously approved.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mr. Danish, seconded by Dr. Evangelist, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. The yes vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Minerva Parker
Board Clerk