

The Nyack Library
Minutes of the Regular
Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2020

Present:

E. Michael Growney, **President**
Ellyse Okin Berg, **Vice President**
Debra Karten, **Secretary**
Brian Murrell, **Treasurer**
Peter Danish
Tamara Jhashi
Michael Penn
Roger Seiler
Valerie Williams-Sanchez

Absent:

*Bebb Wheeler Stone
*Cora Sarjeant Wilder

***=Excused**
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Staff:

Angela Strong, Library Director
Sharon Alfano, Business Manager
Minerva Parker, Board Clerk
Rosemary Farrell, Sr. Librarian Programs & Community Engagement

Call to Order:

The Board President Mr. Growney called the Regular Monthly Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Agenda Approval:

Upon motion by Mr. Growney, seconded by Mr. Seiler, it was resolved to approve the proposed agenda as amended, adding an Executive Session after New Business. The yes votes were unanimous, 9-0.

Review of the Minutes:

Upon motion by Mr. Seiler, seconded by Ms. Berg, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2020, unanimously. There were 9 yes votes.

Public Comments:

None.

Staff Presentation:

Rosemary Farrell, Sr. Librarian Programs & Community Engagement gave the Board a brief overview of the Programs presented by the Library during COVID shut down, programs presented after the partial opening, etc.

Director's Report:

Mrs. Strong reviewed her report with the Board, in detail. A water valve regulator was replaced and a rusted intake pipe was replaced. There were a lot of Personnel changes with staff on leave, staff resignations and new staff hires. Approval was received on the final report for the NYS Construction Grant, so the final 10% of the funds will be released to the Library.

Upon motion by Ms. Berg, seconded by Mr. Danish, the Personnel Actions were unanimously accepted. The yes vote 9-0.

Inventory-none.

Committee Reports:

Development Committee:

Upon motion by Mr. Danish to accept the Gifts & Grants Report for October 2020, and seconded by Ms. Berg, the Board resolved to accept with appreciation \$1,749.96 in Designated support to the Annual Appeal 2021. The 2021 Annual Development Appeal total to date has brought in \$4,532.34 in donations. The yes vote was unanimous 9-0. Donor Reception discussed.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Murrell reviewed the Treasurer's Report in detail with the Board. The first allotment from the property tax revenue was received October 29, 2020, \$2,451,886, about 79%. The remainder will be received in two more installments. The long term debt on the 2017 tax-exempt bond with TD Bank, \$7,269,243. The 2021 Budget was discussed and will be presented at the December 2020 Board Meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Murrell and seconded by Ms. Sanchez, it was resolved that the Nyack Library Board of Trustees approve the following disbursements reported for October 2020 which have been reviewed by the President and/or the Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer: General Fund Expenses of \$60,738.18, Rental Fund Expenses of \$990.85, Debt Fund Expenses for \$36,322.90, Payroll Disbursement for pay date October 9, 2020 for \$52,403.32, Payroll Disbursement for pay date October 23, 2020 for \$53,813.58 for a total of \$204,268.83. The yes votes, 9-0.

Upon motion by Mr. Murrell, seconded by Mr. Penn, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements, 9-0.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Upon motion by Mr. Seiler, seconded by Ms. Berg, the Board unanimously accepted RCLS 2021 Operating Budget. The yes vote 9-0.

Upon motion by Mr. Danish, seconded by Dr. Jhashi, the Board unanimously approved the change in the Board meeting schedule from the 2nd Monday at 7:30 pm to 3rd Monday at 7:00 pm, beginning February 15, 2021.

The Board discussed the 2021 Holiday Schedule updates-Juneteenth, June 19, 2021 and Independence Day Observed July 5, 2021. This discussion is tabled until the December 2020 Board meeting.

Public Comments:

None.

Upon motion by Ms. Berg, seconded by Mr. Danish, the Board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 8:53 pm, to follow up on Personnel Matters. The yes vote 9-0.

Upon motion by Mr. Seiler, seconded by Ms. Karten, the Board unanimously agreed to come out of Executive Session at 9:36 pm. The yes vote 9-0.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mr. Danish, seconded by Ms. Berg, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 9:36 pm. The yes vote 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Minerva Parker

Board Clerk