

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes- December 10, 2020

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Virtual meeting due to COVID-19

Members Present: Emily Backus, Jeffrey Boisvert, Margaret Coffey, Peter DeWind, Jennifer Embree, JoAnne Hanrahan, Kate Miller-Corcoran, Margaret Shiel, Sara Tarricone

Absent: Kathleen Jablonowski

Also Present: Library Director Josias Bartram, BOCES Superintendent Allen Buyck, Broome County Attorney Jennifer Church, Broome County Executive Jason Garnar, Colleen Wagner, Jill Kissick- Castro, Ed Kollar, Rita Petkash, Kevin Petkash, Erin Coffey and Sara Cousine

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by P. DeWind at 5:39 pm

Public Comments: Broome County Executive Jason Garnar presented M. Coffey with a proclamation, dedicating Dec 10 as Margaret Coffey Day in Broome County. In addition to devoting over fourteen years of service to the Broome County Public Library, Margaret spent 30 years teaching in the Binghamton School District then was elected to the Broome County Legislature. To this day she is the only woman to serve as Chair of the Legislature. She has also supported Broome County as a member of the Preservation Association of the Southern Tier (PAST) and a member of the SUNY Broome Board of Trustees.

At the December meeting of the Broome County Legislature, members will vote to formally dedicate the Teen section of the library to Margaret in recognition for her years of service. In addition to the board members, Margaret's family and friends joined the meeting to share their congratulations and appreciation for her accomplishments.

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: The November 2020 minutes were adopted.

Appointments and Resignations: None

New Business:

- Eliminate Overdue Fees for Juveniles
  - J. Bartram shared his perspective on removing this fee, other libraries in the area are also adopting this policy. There still will be a replacement fee charged to patrons if items are not returned. E. Backus presented a motion to eliminate the overdue fees for juveniles, P. Shiel seconded. The board supported this motion; however, it is conditional on checking on the budget, there may be a need to amend the budget in order to have this motion go into effect.

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- Fee for Non-Resident Library Cards
  - J. Bartram explained the reasons why the fee for non-Broome County residents to obtain a library card should be reduced. A motion was presented by J. Hanrahan to reduce the fee to \$20, the motion was seconded by M. Coffey. The board supported this motion.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station
  - J. Bartram discussed his plans to develop a funding proposal for an electric vehicle charging station in the library parking lot. The board supported his proposal and suggested that he discuss with Harry Miller, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, to keep the county informed of what was being planned.
- Four County (4CLS) Service and Fee Updates
  - There will no longer be delivery on Wednesday and fees will be increasing in 2021. However, BCPL has a contract with 4CLS and fees will not increase until that contract has expired.

Old Business:

- Press Release and Press Conference for J. Bartram
  - Due to illness earlier this fall, the press conference planned for early October has been postponed. J. Hanrahan will reach out to the Broome County Executive's office to get this event scheduled again.
- Contract with Emergency Services (EMS)
  - The board recommended that J. Bartram talk to the legal department to finalize the 2021 contract with EMS.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

***Next Meeting:***

***Scheduled for Thu, January 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm.***

*Respectfully submitted, Sara Tarricone*