

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes

September 7, 2017

Members Present: Nancy Abashian, Laura Evans, Kathy Jablonowski, Chelsea Reome, Wendy Stewart, Amoreena Wade

Absent: Connie Barnes, Margaret Coffey, Jesse Katen, Margaret Shiel

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, County Attorney Bob Behnke, Dennis O'Keefe, IT Director and Karen Andrews, IT Asst. Director, Librarians Sherry Kowalski and Jennifer Keysor

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at by Laura Evans at 8:31 a.m.

Public Comments: None

Amendments to the Agenda: County Attorney Bob Behnke here to speak about resolution to change name of building. County Executive has researched and can change name of building without changing the charter of the library. Proposal by N. Abashian: BCPL at the Jeffrey P. Kraham Building. B. Behnke advises Board to send letter to Chair of the Legislature voicing our concern about the confusion a name-change will cause to the public as well as the fact that those branches that are named after individuals are done so in recognition of more sizeable bequests (for example, a building rather than a sign). Sending such a letter approved on a motion by W. Stewart and seconded by C. Reome seconds. W. Stewart will draft letter.

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

Appointments and Resignations: Nicole Alfarano-Halwachs, Library Clerk, CSEA President, has resigned. Deadline for applications for position of Grade 6 library clerk is next Monday. L. Wise pointed out that there is only a month to fill this position before the budget hearing in October, but that without this position, BCPL will be unable to fulfill its mandate to open evenings and weekends.

REPORTS:

Board President: none

Director: none

NEW BUSINESS:

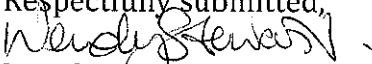
- IT Discussion:
  - L. Wise pointed out to D. O’Keefe and K. Andrews that current problems with BCPL computers—freezing; not being able to be turned on—have been going on for 3-4 weeks. IT staff reassured that BCPL is a priority, but that IT is servicing 42 accounts and currently updating systems; there are bugs in synching with Envisionware and Citrix. N. Abashian asked whether other departments are experiencing these problems; they are not, because their systems had been upgraded earlier. Discussion of need for 4CLS to assist in upgrade and keep licensing current, communicate with IT and BCPL.
  - Other points of discussion: bandwidth being used by Hoopla (legitimate). Need for more research into this and into wireless printing, a demand by patrons. L. Wise will meet separately with IT about wireless printing and with 4CLS about bandwidth changes.
- NYS Public Library Construction Grant: Approve
  - L. Wise commended for well-written grant. Our part of the payment for this project would come from savings in electricity but now that it’s 75/25 rather than 50/50, L. Wise feels sure we can cover it. Library will not need to close and benefits expected to last until 2029. Project would start September 2018 (approval by NYS legislature only in July). Approved on a motion by C. Reome, seconded N. Abashian.
- Recruitment of Board Trustee:
  - K. Jablonowski, A. Wade, and N. Abashian will approach potential board members to replace J. Monroe, who resigned last month.
  - L. Evans will serve as new chair of Nominating Committee.
- Friends of the Library:
  - N. Abashian has reached out to Friends about next meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. re. Friendraising (fundraising and volunteering). Invited staff and trustees who would like to work on this committee.
  - W. Stewart to give check to Friends for the \$30.43 raised for the Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Friends but not spent on the party.

OLD BUSINESS:

- SUNY Broome: Gerry Smith’s history class at BCPL is going well. 10-14 students enrolled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Wendy Stewart,  
Secretary