

The Nyack Library
Minutes of the Regular
Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021

Present:

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

Absent:

***=Excused**

Staff: Angela Strong, Library Director
Sharon Alfano, Business Manager
Minerva Parker, Board Clerk

Call to Order:

The Board President Mr. Growney called the Regular Monthly Meeting of January 11, 2021, to order at 8:14 p.m., via Zoom.

Agenda Approval:

Upon motion by Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Penn, it was resolved to approve the agenda. The yes votes were unanimous, 11-0.

Review of the Minutes:

Upon motion by Ms. Berg, seconded by Ms. Karten, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2020, with changes to Agenda Approval to read, *moving the Nominating Committee Report to after the Financial Reports*. There were 10 yes votes, 1 abstention, Mr. Henry.

Public Comments:

None.

Director's Report:

Mrs. Strong discussed in detail the internal working of the library, and staff updates. There were a few facility issues in addition to tree trimming on the DePew House & Library property.

Upon motion by Dr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Karten, the Personnel Actions were unanimously accepted. The yes vote 11-0.

Upon motion by Mr. Seiler, seconded by Mr. Henry, the Hardware Inventory Report was unanimously accepted. The yes vote 11-0.

Committee Reports:

Development Committee:

Upon motion by Mr. Danish to accept the Gifts & Grants Report for December 2020, and seconded by Dr. Stone, the Board resolved to accept with appreciation \$50 in Designated support to the Children's Room, in memory of Betty Jean Brock, \$9,690.96 in Designated support to the Annual Appeal 2021. The 2021 Annual Development Appeal total to date has brought in \$15,668.24 in donations. The yes vote was unanimous 11-0.

Upon motion by Mr. Danish, seconded by Dr. Stone, the Board unanimously thanked the Donors for their generous financial support, without them we could do none of this throughout this tumultuous time with our deepest gratitude. The yes vote 11-0.

Mrs. Strong thanked the artists Korliss Uecker and Jerry Grossman, who are Upper Nyack residents, and a colleague James Rensink for their contribution to promoting the concert. Ms. Berg thanked Mr. Danish for his involvement in this concert.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Murrell reviewed the Treasurer's Report in detail with the Board. The available cash balances in library accounts on December 31 were \$2,466,561. At the end of December, \$7,229,533 was remaining in long term debt on the 2017 tax-exempt bond with TD Bank. Disbursements are little higher this month. Year to date FY 2021 the Library operated at a surplus \$119,180 and the DePew House operated at a \$5,993 surplus.

Upon motion by Mr. Murrell and seconded by Ms. Berg, it was resolved that the Nyack Library Board of Trustees approve the following disbursements reported for December 2020 which have been reviewed by the President and/or the Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer: General Fund Expenses of \$216,443.03, Rental Fund Expenses of \$5,172.85, Debt Fund Expenses for \$36,322.90, Payroll Disbursement for pay date December 4, 2020 for \$54,780.98, Payroll Disbursement for pay date December 18, 2020 for \$54,152.73 and Payroll Disbursement for pay date December 31, 2020 for a total of \$419,895.87. The yes votes, 11-0.

Upon motion by Mr. Murrell, seconded by Mr. Danish, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements, 11-0.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Mr. Growney stated that the Annual Conflict of Interest Statements are due and should be submitted as soon as possible.

Public Comments:

None.

Upon motion by Mr. Danish, seconded by Mr. Seiler, the Board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 9:08 pm, to discuss Personnel issues continued from the last meeting. The yes vote 11-0.

Upon motion by Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Danish, the Board unanimously agreed to come out of Executive Session at 9:37 pm. The yes vote 11-0.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mr. Seiler, seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 9:38 pm. The yes vote 11-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Minerva Parker

Board Clerk

APPROVED