

The Nyack Library
Minutes of the Regular
Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, March 21, 2022

REVISED

Present:

E. Michael Growney, **President**
Wayne Henry, **Secretary**
Steven Cea
Peter Danish
Tracy Dressner— *phoned into meeting*
Roger Seiler
Bebb Wheeler Stone

Absent:

*Ellyse Okin Berg, **Vice President**
*Brian Murrell, **Treasurer**
Michael Penn
Valerie Williams-Sanchez

*=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 March 21, 2022, to order at 7:05 p.m., in the Community Meeting Room.

Agenda Approval:

Upon motion by Mr. Cea, seconded by Mr. Henry, it was resolved to approve the agenda. The yes votes were unanimous 6-0.

Review of the Minutes:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 22, 2022 were tabled until next month, there was no quorum.

Public Comments:

Full comments may be heard at: (<https://soundcloud.com/nyacklibrary/march-21-2022-board-meetingwma>)

Public comment was given by Tamara Jhashi, she read her comments to the Board about stepping down from her trustee seat in January.

Public comment by Mark Dery. Mark Dery expressed his concerns with the election process and way vacancies are filled. Audio recording may be heard at (<https://soundcloud.com/nyacklibrary/march-21-2022-board-meetingwma>).

Public comment by Ms. McGrory. Mrs. McGrory addressed her concerns with the Board. Audio recording may be heard at (<https://soundcloud.com/nyacklibrary/march-21-2022-board-meetingwma>).

Public comment by Belinda Cash. Belinda Cash asked for clarity about a letter submitted to the Board. Audio recording may be heard at (<https://soundcloud.com/nyacklibrary/march-21-2022-board-meetingwma>).

Public comment by Jane a resident. Jane commented about Mr. Danish's unprofessional behavior toward audience member. Audio recording may be heard at (<https://soundcloud.com/nyacklibrary/march-21-2022-board-meetingwma>).

Annual Meeting Officers' Election:

The Board of Trustees conducted a paper ballot vote for the Secretary of the Board position.

Upon motion by Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Seiler, the Board voted to nominate Wayne Henry to the position of Board Secretary. There were 6 yes votes.

Director's Report:

Mrs. Strong reviewed highlights of the month with the Board. As of February 1, the Library is open to the public without appointments, Monday to Thursday the Library will close at 8 pm; and patrons are allowed to reserve Tutor Rooms and sit and study at the tables again. The Building Condition Study from Mr. Shilale was received and submitted to the Building & Property Committee. The AV equipment in the Meeting Room was replaced, the new wiring will simplify the equipment needed for the sound unit. The electric door motors for the bridge and parking lot entrances were replaced. Mrs. Strong reported the FY 2023 budget information session was held February 8, and the Budget Vote was held February 15. The increased tax levy was approved. The official vote tally from both libraries was 242 yes and 58 no votes. The NYS Annual Report 2021 on the agenda for approval. Mrs. Strong received emails from two residents, Mark Dery and Elizabeth McGrory, with concerns about the Trustee Election in January. Mrs. Strong talked about the RCLS proposal to split the ANSER services into two new services, ILS Services and IT Services. Mrs. Strong met with the President and Director of Global Security and Investigative Services regarding Safety Guard services for the Library.

Personnel Actions: none.

Upon motion by Mr. Cea, seconded by Dr. Stone, the Board unanimously approved the Inventory Report. The yes vote, 6-0.

Committee Reports:

Development Committee:

Upon motion by Mr. Danish to accept the Gifts & Grants Report for February 2022, and seconded by Mr. Cea, the Board resolved to accept with appreciation \$1,665 in Designated support to the Annual Appeal and \$130 in Designated support for the Henrietta Lacks Teen Program prize. The 2022 Annual Development Appeal total to date has brought in \$16,272 in donations. The yes vote was unanimous 6-0.

Policy Development & Long-Range Planning Committee:

Ms. Dressner discussed some of the changes in the revised Conflict of Interest Policy. The language was cleaned up to make the document more readable. The Board will vote on it at the April Board Meeting.

Building & Property Committee:

Mr. Seiler reported that the Committee will review the Condition Study report received from Mr. Shilale, then report back to the Board.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Nominating Committee:

No report.

Audit Committee:

Mr. Seiler reported the Committee met via Zoom with the AI Coster to discuss some journal entries as a result of the audit, and reviewed the Conflict of Interest Statement.

Finance Committee:

No report.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Henry reviewed the Treasurer's Report in detail with the Board. Cash balances at the end of February totaled \$1,907,143. Property tax revenue still outstanding \$335,792, should be received around April 2022. Current Bond Status, \$6,936,286 in long term debt remaining on the 2017 tax-exempt bond with TD Bank. Mr. Henry discussed the details of the monthly disbursements, which require Board approval. Current fiscal year-to-date the Library operated at a \$66,520 surplus and the DePew House operated at a \$7,724 surplus.

Upon motion by Mr. Henry, seconded by Dr. Stone, the Library Board unanimously accepted the Financial Statements as presented including the Summary of Key Balance Sheet Amounts as of February 28, 2022 and the February 2022 Performance Report. The yes vote 6-0.

Upon motion by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cea, it was resolved that the Nyack Library Board of Trustees approve the following disbursements reported for February 2022 which have been reviewed by the President and/or the Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer: General Fund Expenses of \$75,29.51, Rental Fund Expenses of \$1,174.29, Debt Fund Expenses for \$36,322.90, Payroll Disbursement for pay date February 11, 2022 for \$56,394.13 and Payroll Disbursement for pay date February 25 for \$57,522.40 for a total of \$226,693.23. The yes votes, 6-0.

Old Business:

Dr. Stone expressed how much she appreciates reading the Departmental reports.

New Business:

Upon motion by Mr. Cea, seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board unanimously accepted the 2021 New York State Annual Report for Public & Association Libraries. The yes votes, 6-0.

8:27 pm Upon motion by Dr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Berg, the Board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel related matters. The yes vote, 6-0.

9:58 pm Upon motion by Mr. Cea, seconded by Mr. Seiler, the Board unanimously agreed to come out of Executive Session. The yes vote, 9-0.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mr. Cea, seconded by Mr. Seiler, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 9:59 pm. The yes vote 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Minerva Parker

Board Clerk

APPROVED