

The Nyack Library
Minutes of the Regular
Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, May 11, 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
Bebb Wheeler Stone
Cora Sarjeant Wilder

Valerie Williams-Sanchez

***=Excused**

Absent:

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

Visitor:

Call to Order:

The Board President Mr. Growney called the Regular Monthly Meeting to order, via teleconference, at 7:33 p.m.

Agenda Approval:

Upon motion by Mr. Seiler, seconded by Ms. Berg, it was resolved to approve the proposed agenda. The yes votes were unanimous, 10-0.

Review of the Minutes:

Upon motion by Mr. Seiler, seconded by Mr. Penn, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2020, with a correction in the Treasurer's Report to read "tax exempt bond" not "bonds". The yes votes were unanimous, 10-0.

Public Comments:

None.

Director's Report:

Mrs. Strong reviewed her report with the Board. Mrs. Strong thanked staff for all the hard work on providing virtual programming during the library closure. Programs have been scheduled through Zoom and other Social Media sites. Mrs. Strong reviewed some of the changes in the Health Insurance Plan, effective June 1, one of them, a new HRA/FSA vendor to administer the program. Mrs. Strong gave the Board and update on Building & Maintenance. The grant from ArtsWestchester for the Black American Culture and Art Series: the Legacy of Toni Morrison has been mailed. The final 2019-20 tax payment, \$398,494, was received from the Nyack School District. Mrs. Strong discussed the donation made to the Montefiore Nyack Hospital. Mrs. Strong and Sharon Aperto, Friends President, took 2 iPads, no longer in use, along with several thank you notes from the staff and 2000 Hershey Kisses.

No Personnel Actions.

Upon motion by Ms. Berg, seconded by Ms. Karten, the Inventory report was unanimously accepted. The yes vote 10-0.

Committee Reports:

Development Committee:

Upon motion by Mr. Danish to accept the Gifts & Grants Report for April 2020, and seconded by Mr. Seiler, the Board resolved to accept with appreciation \$350.00 in Designated support to the Annual Appeal 2020. The 2020 Annual Development Appeal total to date has brought in \$20,093.94 in donations. The yes vote was unanimous 10-0.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Murrell reviewed the Treasurer's Report in detail with the Board. The remaining balance of the property tax revenue, \$398,494 has been received. On April 30 the Library had \$7,392,092 in long term debt on the 2017 tax exempt bond with TD Bank. The Library and DePew House operated at a \$340,224 surplus year-to-date FY2020.

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 April 2020 which have been reviewed by the President and/or the Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer: General Fund Expenses of \$33,538.35, Rental Fund Expenses of \$501.61, Debt Fund Expenses for \$36,322.91, Payroll Disbursement for pay date April 10, 2020 for \$54,630.94, and Payroll Disbursement for pay date April 24, 2020 for \$53,523.38 for a total of \$178,517.19. The yes votes, 10-0.

Upon motion by Mr. Seiler, seconded by Mr. Danish, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements, 10-0.

Old Business:

Mrs. Strong and the Board had a discussion on what the Reopening process would involve and the possible reopen date. Mrs. Strong is serving on a committee with other Library Directors and is following the guidelines from the State.

Mr. Seiler reported the Executive Committee met on May 8 at 4 pm. The committee reviewed many topics-Rooftop AC, DePew House lease early termination, Pandemic emergency Government Loans, and reopening issues. The Committee would like any recommendations from RCLS be reviewed by the Library Policy Committee first, and then presented to the Board.

New Business:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Ms. Berg, seconded by Mr. Danish, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The yes vote was unanimous, 10-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Minerva Parker

Board Clerk

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