

**The Nyack Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 12, 2009**

Present:

James L. Case, Secretary
Kevin Doyle
E. Michael Growney, Jr.
Myria Jean-Gilles
Debra Karten
Judith Lawler
Joan E. Moffett, Vice-President
Roger W. Seiler, President
Paul D. Shein, Treasurer
Ellen Simpson
Bonnie Yassky

Absent:

*Excused

Staff:

James Mahoney, Library Director
Stephen Hofer, Manager of Operations & Finances
Minerva Parker, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order in the Meeting Room of the Nyack Library at 7:55 p.m. by Board President Roger Seiler.

2. Election of Board Officers:

Minerva Parker and Stephen Hofer served as ballot counters with the following results: Roger W. Seiler-President, Joan E. Moffett-Vice President, James L. Case-Secretary, and Paul D. Shein-Treasurer, for a term of one year.

3. Minutes:

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, December 8, 2008, were unanimously approved upon motion by Ms. Karten, and seconded by Mr. Doyle.

4. Director's Reports:

Mr. Mahoney discussed the 403b Annuity Plan and that the IRS has extended the period of time for one year allowing us to continue with the current plan, while researching a new one. He recently met with a New York State Deferred Program Representative, to see what type of programs the State may offer. Mr. Mahoney will keep the Board informed on the progress.

Mr. Mahoney informed the Board that the Valley Cottage Library had printed in its newsletter that it would not be seeking an increase this year. Mr. Seiler read a letter

that he had prepared to the residents of the voting area, to include in the Budget Flyer.

Mr. Mahoney will make contact with Amelia Kalin, Valley Cottage Library Director, for her feelings on the matter of supporting Nyack Library in this process.

Mr. Seiler will also make contact with some of the Valley Cottage Library Trustees to gauge their thoughts on this matter.

Michael Conte, Syntax Corporation, will be developing the Budget Flyer with only the Nyack Library's information, since Valley Cottage is not asking for an increase.

Mr. Mahoney is consulting legal counsel on the language of the Ballot (Proposition 1).

Mr. Mahoney reported on a meeting he and staff had with a representative from Hudson Valley Heritage, about loading Local History Room images for a broader access. The old software will not be able to hold the load of pictures the Local History Room is working with.

Mr. Mahoney mentioned that the technical aspects of the Distance Learning equipment will now be handled in-house instead of through BOCES, saving an annual fee of \$3,300.

Motion by Ms. Yassky to approve personnel actions, seconded by Ms. Simpson, the Board unanimously approved.

5. Treasurer's Reports:

Mr. Shein summarized aspects of the Treasurer's Report. Operating Budget has a positive cash flow, and Capital Expenses are on budget.

Motion by Mr. Growney to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ms. Lawler seconded, the Board unanimously approved.

Financial Reports:

Mr. Hofer gave detailed information on each worksheet submitted in the Financial Reports.

Motion by Ms. Moffett to accept the Financial and Disbursement Reports, Ms. Karten seconded, the Board unanimously approved.

6. Committee Reports:

Construction Committee-Ms. Simpson reported that progress continues, with detailing to pavers, tiling, and painting. Phase one could be finished by the end of April, then on to Phase two, which will call for some staff movement.

7. Old Business:

None

8. New Business:

Mr. Mahoney noted that on the Schedule of Board Meetings, the October 12, 2009 scheduled meeting is on Columbus Day, and wanted to know whether the Board will

change the meeting date. More discussion on this matter will take place at the next board meeting.

Mr. Shein wanted to know what role the Nyack Library would play in the Quadricentennial. Mr. Mahoney informed him that the Local History Librarian, Brian Jennings has been attending the meetings with other local groups on this and will be invited to attend the next board meeting.

Mr. Seiler distributed to the Trustees a Committee Assignment sheet to select which committees they would like to serve on this year. He will let everyone know which committee they have been assigned to at the next Board Meeting.

9. *Adjournment:

Upon **motion** by Ms. Moffett, and seconded by Mr. Shein, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minerva Parker

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