

**The Nyack Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 28, 2006**

Present:

Foster Bass
Mary Callan
James L. Case, Secretary
Debra Karten
Judith Lawler
Jeffrey McDowell
Joan E. Moffett, Vice-President
Roger W. Seiler, President
Paul D. Shein, Treasurer
Ellen Simpson

Absent:

*E. Michael Growney, Jr.
*Myria Jean-Gilles

Staff

James Mahoney, Library Director
Stephen Hoefler, Mgr. Operations & Finance

***excused**

Visitor

Edward FitzPatrick, PhD.

The meeting opened at 7:58 p.m., at the South Nyack Village Hall, with Roger Seiler as Chair.

Dr. Edward FitzPatrick, of Blauvelt (Town of Orangetown) made a brief presentation, restating his offer to donate a Christmas crèche to the Library. He had visited other area libraries last Christmas season and saw several crèches, but at Nyack we had a Christmas tree, and a menorah, but not a crèche. Dr. FitzPatrick felt the Nyack Library was eliminating a Christian (religious) symbol for Christmas, while retaining the Jewish (religious) symbol for Hanukkah. (See separate packet of documents presented by Dr. FitzPatrick)

Minutes

The minutes of the September 11th, 2006, meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Ms. Simpson and seconded by Ms. Moffett.

Director's Report

Mr. Mahoney discussed the Director's Report.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Mr. Shein presented the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Hoefler reviewed highlights of the Financial Reports. Mr. Hoefler pointed out that a new restricted fund has been established: The Robert Trudell Library Education Scholarship Fund, using memorial donations. Upon motion by Mr. Case and seconded by Ms. Lawler the Treasurer's and Financial Reports were unanimously accepted.

Committee Reports

Building Committee- None.
Finance Committee- None.

Fundraising & Grants Committee- Ms. Moffett reported that the Fund Raising Committee had met and would now review the proposals offered by the firms interviewed, including cost comparisons.

Old Business

Mr. Seiler reported that the Site Plan approval for our expansion project was still being sought from The Village Planning Board. At the last Planning Board meeting several supporters of the library spoke in favor of our gaining approval. Mr. Seiler distributed a new fact sheet on the old Siberian elm tree. The next Planning Board meeting is Wednesday, October 4th, at 7:00 p.m. Our Planner, Bonnie Fransen, will make the major presentation for us. There was a meeting of the working group with Attorney Dennis Lynch today.

New Business

Four new resolutions were presented by the Provident Bank authorizing the extensions of mortgages on the Stevenson House and the DePew House. (Incumbency Certificate and Certified Resolution of Corporation to Mortgage Real Property, one for each property), upon motion by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Shein, there were unanimously approved.

The Board discussed the proposal and presentation by Dr. FitzPatrick and concluded with a motion made by Ms. Simpson and seconded by Mr. McDowell:

Motion:

That the Nyack Library will prohibit the display of religious symbols in its holiday decorations.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Hoefer made announcements that the upcoming African-American Author Conference and Book Fair (September 29th & 30th) and the Fall Festival, October 14th & 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting, **Monday, November 6, 2006, 7:45 p.m.**, in the Library Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Mahoney
Library Director