

MINUTES
OCPL BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

January 16, 2019
Central Library, Board Room
4:00 p.m.

ATTENDING

V. Biesiada	C. Ondrako
R. Engel	M. Treier
J. Hurst-Wahl	M. Tucci
E. Kochian	

ABSENT

T. Dodge	B. Morgan-Baker
R. Manning	

ALSO PRESENT

J. Park	K. Hayduke
G. Cox	D. Marmor
D. Buckingham	A. Schiavulli
M. Carter	K. Whitney
K. Coffta	S. Kushner
D. Dell	A. Travis
R. Dunsmore	G. Wisniewski

WELCOME

Mr. Kochian called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Biesiada moved the consent agenda, which includes the minutes from the December 12, 2018 meeting.
Ms. Hurst-Wahl seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION

Ms. Park introduced Amanda Schiavulli, new Coordinator for Member Services. Ms. Schiavulli gave a brief background on herself and mentioned how excited she is to be part of OCPL.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Park reviewed her report to the Board.
She covered the following topics:

- Personnel:
 - Administrative Intern (Integrated Tech Librarian) position has been filled. Zachary Burnham will begin in early February.
 - Ms. Park acknowledged LuAnn Sims' recent retirement after 38 years with OCPL.
 - Professional Development: Ms. Hurst-Wahl inquired about professional development for librarians in obtaining their sixty hours of training within five years

to keep their public certification. Ms. Park mentioned webinars, conferences, workshops and Staff Development Day as some of the options offered to help them acquire their sixty hours.

Mr. Kochian also pointed out training for our newly appointed managers.

- NYS Library: A work group of the NYS Library and PULISDO has released a new publication, *Helpful Information for Meeting Minimum Public Library Standards in New York State*. The 2018 revised *Guide* (available online) covers amendments to existing standards and three new minimum standards that were adopted in July 2018 – library programming, annual technology training for staff and partnerships with education, cultural and community organizations. The implementation timeline calls for all current standards to expire December 31, 2020 and all “new” updated standards to take effect on January 1, 2021.
- State Budget: Governor Cuomo gave his State of the State address and spoke on the \$1.72 billion dollar budget with the emphasis on education.
- Advocacy: The New York Library Association has posted its advocacy agenda online and outlined the legislative priorities for the 2019 budget cycle. This includes funding to establish and maintain licensed social workers at each public library system, tasked with connecting vulnerable New Yorkers with community-based organizations and service agencies.
- Delivery: there is bit longer turnaround time due to snow days and libraries being closed due to the weather.
- Stirpe/Food Bank Photo Op: Ms. Park participated in a photo op with Assemblymember Stirpe and Food Bank executive director Kathleen Stress for OCPL’s partnership with his office on their annual Food Bank drive.
- Junior League: Mr. Park stated they approached the library to discuss their 100th anniversary in 2020 and the possibility of doing something with the Central Library. They are in the beginning stages and are not quite sure what they are looking for exactly. They are thinking along the lines of a dedicated space for the 9-12 year old age range where they could come in and volunteer and offer classes etc. that would hold their namesake. The Board mentioned to have the Junior League present something on paper that Ms. Park could present to the Board at a future meeting.
- Breastfeeding Room: final touches are being completed.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

Discussion Items

- 1) Board Strategic Planning: Ms. Park mentioned with Ms. Stack finishing her term on the Board we need a new chair for this board committee. Ms. Tucci and Mr. Kochian would prefer to wait until the new executive director has been appointed. It was also suggested

to possibly have a Board training day and include the Strategic Planning discussion during that time.

OCSLD

Ms. Travis spoke on NOPL's upcoming curbside delivery service for their patrons beginning in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Government Relations

The Board received a handout in their packet to review.

Board Dev. & Recruitment

Ms. Biesiada reported that they received a total of thirty applicants with twelve of them meeting the minimum requirements of the necessary degree and experience. The Search Committee reviewed their resumes and have narrowed down to four applicants with Skype interviews set to begin in February.

Finance

Ms. Ondrako informed the Board of NBT investment managers' recommendation regarding the Board's investments.

MOTION

Resolution: 19-01

Ms. Ondrako made the following motion:

Resolved, That the OCPL Board of Trustees approves the recommendation from NBT bank regarding their bond investments.

Ms. Biesiada seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kochian reported on the following items:

Beauchamp Branch Visit: He spoke about his visit with Ms. Antoine and noticed how immersed she is in that library.

Security: He had a conversation with one of the CET employees at the Central Library and what the CET have been noticed and are aware of in the library.

Marcellus Event: On January 24th Marcellus will be having Ms. Hurst-Wahl as their keynote speaker.

Other:

- Mr. Kochian read an excerpt from the book "The Library".
- He recently had the Planning Agency update a map about the proximity for population within libraries and will review it with Ms. Coffta to make sure all the libraries are included on the map. It shows that 76% of the population lived within 2 miles of a public library.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hurst-Wahl moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Kochian adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Gail M. Cox
Administrative Assistant