

MINUTES  
**OCPL BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING**

March 20, 2019  
Central Library, Board Room  
4:00 p.m.

**ATTENDING**

V. Biesiada	E. Kochian
T. Dodge	M. Tucci
R. Engel	M. Treier
J. Hurst-Wahl	

**ABSENT**

R. Manning	C. Ondrako
B. Morgan-Baker	

**ALSO PRESENT**

J. Park	D. Marmor
G. Cox	A. Schiavulli
M. Carter	J. Brooks
K. Coffta	J. Milligan
D. Dell	A. Perrine
R. Dunsmore	A. Travis
K. Hayduke	M. Van Patten
A. Horan	G. Wisniewski

**WELCOME**

Mr. Kochian called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Biesiada moved the consent agenda, which includes the minutes from the January 16, 2019 meeting.  
Ms. Tucci seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

- Personnel: VRR's are moving through the process.
- Advocacy: Ms. Biesiada inquired about the NYS IMLS and construction aid funding for libraries. Ms. Park gave an update on the funding amounts.
- State Annual Report: Ms. Park passed around the state annual report application for System, Central and Branches to the Board.
- White and Beauchamp Proposals: Ms. Hurst-Wahl inquired about White Branch's feasibility study. Ms. Park mentioned the study is coming to completion.  
Beauchamp's renovation project: the special legislative grant paperwork is completed and we are in the process of getting updated quotes before the work can begin.

Ms. Marmor introduced Ms. Hayduke, the newly appointed Paine branch manager. Ms. Marmor reviewed some of the highlights in her report to the Board.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION**

*Resolution: 19-02*

**Action Items**

Ms. Biesiada made the following motion:

**Resolved,** That the OCPL Board of Trustees approves the submission of the 2018 State Annual Reports for OCPL and the OCPL system.

Ms. Treier seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

*Resolution: 19-03*

Mr. Dodge made the following motion:

**Resolved,** That the OCPL Board of Trustees approves the grant application submission to CLRC New Initiatives Grant for up to \$2,000 to bring STARLAB Roving Planetarium to four city libraries and two community libraries in July 2019.

Ms. Hurst-Wahl seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

*Resolution: 19-04*

Ms. Biesiada made the following motion:

**Resolved,** That the OCPL Board of Trustees approves the grant application submission for the NYS Family Literacy Grant: Early Literacy starts at Onondaga County Public Libraries for up to \$42,000 for the years 2019-2022.

Ms. Tucci seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

*Resolution: 19-05*

Ms. Biesiada made the following motion:

**Resolved,** That the OCPL Board of Trustees approves the grant application submission for the NYS Adult Literacy Grant: Adult Education and Work Skill Readiness for up to \$27,000 for the years 2019-2022.

Mr. Dodge seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion Items**

**Veteran's Library Card:** Ms. Park mentioned administration is researching the concept of a fine free card for veterans and active military personnel. However, they would still need to pay for any lost items they may incur.

**Junior League Update:** Ms. Park sent the Board the preliminary sketches of what they are looking for in the Kidspace. A meeting is in the works with Deputy County Executive Donnelly, Mr. Kochian, Ms. Park and the Junior League to discuss what the proposed project would entail before moving forward with getting any kind of assessment.

**Distribution, Bulletin Board and Exhibit Spaces Policy- 1<sup>st</sup> Consideration:**

Ms. Park reviewed the updated policy to include the County law department's recommendations.

## **MOTION**

Mr. Engel made the following motion:

*Resolution: 19-06*

**Resolved,** That the OCPL Board of Trustees approves the amended Distribution, Bulletin Board and Exhibit Spaces Policy.

Ms. Biesiada seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

## **FOCL**

Ms. Brooks gave an update on the following items:

- Louise Penny Lecture: She was wonderful and it was the biggest lecture to date.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture: is David Grann and his outreach event will be held at Oasis.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Lecture: is Colm Toibin and his outreach event will be held at LeMoyne.
- Subscription Renewals: Ms. Brooks has the subscription forms for those who need them and the new list of authors for the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Lecture Series.

## **OCSLD**

Ms. Milligan commented on the statement of concern the member directors' submitted to the Board.

Mr. Kochian stated the Board appreciates their concern and feels with the updated MOU in the works we can move forward together.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Government Relations

Mr. Dodge reviewed the past and future activities of the committee.

Strategic Planning

Ms. Hurst-Wahl mentioned the Strategic Planning Committee worked on a draft SWOT analysis for OCPL. She will be reaching out to member directors, OCPL staff and constituents to work towards the goal of a new strategic plan.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Kochian shared some of the reference questions the New York Public Library received back in 1945.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Dodge moved to go into executive session for a personnel matter relating to a particular person.

Ms. Tucci seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken.

Ms. Biesiada moved to close executive session.

Mr. Dodge seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dodge moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Kochian adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Gail M. Cox  
Administrative Assistant