

Ossining Public Library
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
April 20, 2009

Attending: Ossining Public Library Board of Trustees members Peter Capek, Samantha Brail, Lucinda Manning, Bob Minzesheimer, Reginald Bush and Mirla Morrison. Staff: Elizabeth Bermel. Public: Chris Surovich.

President Capek called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The agenda was accepted as amended.

Approval of the March 16th 2009 Minutes: Bob Minzesheimer moved, and Lucinda Manning seconded, approval of the Minutes. Unanimously approved.

Budget: Elizabeth Bermel walked the Board through three versions of the proposed budget, created after Board comments at the last meeting. After a long discussion, Mirla Morrison moved, and Bob Minzesheimer seconded, adopting a budget that is a .14% increase over the 2008-09 budget. (See Proposed Budget) Passed unanimously. The Board thanked Samantha Brail, Reginald Bush and Elizabeth Bermel for their hard work in putting together the budget.

Public Comment: Chris Surovich spoke in support of the services libraries provide.

Director's Report: Elizabeth Bermel reviewed the highlights of her written report. A special highlight is that the Library staff decorated a book truck in a contest sponsored by Demco. We have been notified that our submission is in the finals. First Prize is a \$500 gift certificate.

Operating Budget Report – Elizabeth Bermel reported that the Associates gave the Library a donation for the Program line (see Resolutions), and the expenditure budget is on track.

Revenue Report - Elizabeth Bermel explained that total revenue is down as expected given the economic recession.

Personnel Changes – The resignations of Ruth Reidy and Patricia Tanassy were announced with regret.

Trustee Reports

- By-Laws/Policy Committee: Lucinda Manning brought two policies to the Board:
 - Circulation Policy

- Library Wall of Fame – Bob Minzesheimer proposed we should decide on a name for this meeting room. In addition there should be a Wall of Fame to recognize those who contribute either to the Library or the literary life of Ossining.
- Update on Associates – Elizabeth Bermel reported that she met with the sole officer of the Associates, Dan O’Neil. He agrees that the Associates are in need of reorganization. Thus the Associates will reorganize follow Friends of the Library guidelines while cultivating our volunteers. The Associates could run book sales and fund-raisers, and advocate for the Library. The staff will propose programs and initiatives for a given period of time and the Director will decide which are appropriate for the Foundation or for the Associates, and pass on the proposals.
- Bob Minzesheimer announced our next event in the 2nd annual Festival of Writers and Readers. It will be a panel on the art, craft, and business of getting published. It will be held April 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Budarz Theater.
- May 16th is the Hudson River Mural dedication in the children’s room.

Reginald Bush moved, and Lucinda Manning seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mirla Morrison