

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING  
RIVERFRONT LIBRARY  
JUNE 15, 2023

**ATTENDANCE**

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Joseph Puglia Stephen Jannetti Patricia Phelan John A. Daily Jr.
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Jesse Montero
ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Shauna Porteus
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Vivian Presedo
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	James Hackett
WLS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:	Joseph Puglia
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	Brandon Neider
GUESTS:	Mary Robison, Eileen Fusco, Dominick Savarese, Ana Gantzer, Jay Chawla

The Board Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

**MINUTES**

On motion of Trustee Daily, seconded by Trustee Jannetti and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Meeting of May 18, 2023.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Director Montero announced that Yonkers Public Library's summer reading program had begun on June 1. All three libraries hosted separate events celebrating the launch of the program where students and families were signed up for library cards and introduced to the new Beanstack platform that monitors their progress. Director Montero also informed the Board that the popular Reading Buddies and Summer Meals programs will also return this summer and he would have more information at a later meeting.

Director Montero reported on the numerous book displays, blog posts and programs celebrating Pride Month, as well as a new gallery exhibit entitled "Love is the Only Norm" and the upcoming

Drag Story Hour at Riverfront Library. He noted that YPL also participated in community events such as the first Yonkers Miniball and the Yonkers Pride Festival.

Director Montero announced that YPL released its staff Intranet and briefly demonstrated it to the Board. The Intranet is a staff source for internal news, documents and forms. He hoped that the self-service intranet would enhance the staff's organizational knowledge and, in turn, public service.

Assistant Director Porteus updated the Board on YPL's ongoing partnership with Sarah Lawrence College and the Community Leadership Internship Program (CLIP). Two CLIP interns will work at Riverfront Library through August, mainly assisting the Reference and Adult Services Department.

### **UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Representative Neider asked for a follow-up from Management on correspondence sent from the Union a week ago inquiring about the status of an employee who was involuntarily sent home on his or her own excused time. Assistant Director Porteus reported that she had just recently spoken to the parties involved and would follow up with the Union tomorrow with an update.

### **PERSONNEL REPORT**

On motion of Trustee Puglia, seconded by Trustee Phelan and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the following appointments:

Jacob, Hephsibah; P/T Page, \$15.00/hour, eff. 5/19/2023

Rodriguez, Jocelyn; P/T Page, \$15.00/hour, eff. 5/26/2023

Acknowledged the following terminations:

Rice, Jasmine; P/T Page, \$15.00/hour, eff. 6/6/2023

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fundraising & Development** – Jannetti (chair).

Foundation Update: President Maron discussed the ties that bind the Foundation and Board together and what role the Foundation plays in advocacy and lobbying for the library. She also added that they are beginning to work with a consultant on how best to grow the Foundation.

President Maron also advised trustees to expect new policy proposals from the Policy Committee in upcoming months.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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On motion of Trustee Jannetti, seconded by Trustee Daily and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #852.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

After review of the New York State 2022 Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries, Trustee Daily asked that his name be updated to John A. Daily Jr. On motion of Trustee Puglia, seconded by Trustee Phelan and unanimously carried, the Board approved the New York State 2022 Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries pending that correction.

On motion of Trustee Daily, seconded by Trustee Jannetti and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE** – Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 7:00pm at Grinton I. Will Library.

Jesse Montero  
Library Director & Secretary