

TPL Meeting Minutes 9/12/2017

President Evelyn Greenstein, Mike Oliver, Marie Gavazzi, Mark Miller, Linda Segreto and director Paul Hicok were in attendance.

Marie Gavazzi moved approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, Evelyn Greenstein seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously. No corrections.

A resolution was introduced to add Mike Oliver and Paul Hicok as co-signatories on the construction account. Mike Oliver moved, Linda Segretti seconded the resolution. It was approved unanimously. M. Miller signed the documentation of the resolution on behalf of Nancy Burgin.

The construction account is now created. There was some subsequent discussion. One item mentioned was how to create an internal mechanism to make sure matching funds for any grant proposal are in place. The construction account is intended to help with this. Also it was suggested that we be mindful of the scope of work when considering and applying for new grants. The thought was to make the scope of work being proposed more clear from the outset.

It was reported that the NYLA conference has been scheduled, Nov 9/11, and will be attended by TPL employees. The conference brochure is available on the NYLA web site.

UHLS will meet tomorrow (9/13/2017) to discuss the TPL and other grant proposals. The UHLS will decide the fate of the proposals received at that meeting. It was noted that the total dollar amount of requests was far greater than in previous years, and far greater than the available funds.

The Friends of TPL are now officially a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations to the friends are now tax deductible. In their meeting the Friends expressed a desire for better communication from TPL board on the status of library and its fund-raising efforts. They also want to know if they can play a role in the every-day functioning of the library.

Evelyn mentioned an outreach event to be held September 23. The event is StoryHarvest to be held in Freedom Square, at the Sanctuary for Independent Media. Evelyn plans to attend, and requested volunteers to manage a second outreach location at Sage College. Linda Segretti said she might be able to help out.

Oct 17, 2017 will be the Seminar Library=Education at TPL. The seminar will be day-long; 8:30-4 PM.

We briefly discussed the need for a strategy on how to get out the vote for the TPL special election.

Directors Report:

Paul presented information on the new construction planned for the Lansingburgh branch in a Building Committee meeting prior to the board meeting. He noted that funds originally targeted for windows only would now be used to support repair of the Lansingburgh doors as well as the windows. The scope of the window repairs can be adjusted to allow for this.

He mentioned that a bequest has been received in the amount of \$40,000 and one has been pledged, but not received in the amount of \$50,000. These funds were placed in the construction fund.

The library is considering replacing the existing telephones handsets, which are quite old. The new service proposed would include voicemail and an auto-attendant service (the decision tree that allows

callers to route their own call to the correct person). Total cost for renting the new service is \$889 per annum. Outright purchase would be \$2800.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM to allow attendance of the TPL board candidate meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Miller (acting for Nancy Burgin)