

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 18, 2012, 8:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:

Trustees: Jaime Aguirre Arthur Jay
 Reginald Bush Mirla Morrison
 Peter Capek Tom Staudter

OPL Staff: Jim Farrell
 Kathy Beirne

School Board: Frank Schneckner

Public: Alice Joselow (Trustee elect)
 Lucinda Manning (Trustee elect)
 Isabel Deutsch
 Nicola Kenny

President Art Jay called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion to Accept the Minutes of the May 21, 2012 Regular Meeting (with changes)

	Aguirre	Bush	Capek	Jay	Morrison	Staudter
In Favor	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against						
Abstain						

Public Comment

None

Director's Report and Personnel Report

The Director notified the Board that a check for \$424,419 was written for the retirement system due to the fact that the OPL will now be using a new state retirement number as a result of separating from the school system. Although he stated that the amount will be credited back to our account over time, the Board raised serious concerns about the large payment not having been previously approved by the Board and the fact that it removed money from the Fund Balance without specific Board approval. Director Farrell stated that he did notify the Board but may not have provided the exact amount. A number of trustees expressed surprise and claimed to be unaware of the need to make this payment.

The Board asked the Director to have the OPL bookkeeper come to discuss with the Board the accounting aspects of whether the payment will or will not reduce the OPL Fund Balance.

Trustee Aguirre raised concerns about the incident in the Director’s report where some patrons complained about an offensive art work that was on display at the OPL outside the Budarz Theater. The Board discussed the OPL decision not to censor art work versus the Board’s responsibility not to post offensive art work on public display. The Art Exhibit policy will be discussed again to review if a more specific policy is necessary.

Treasurer’s Report

Report of Receipts and Disbursements
Warrants

President’s Report

All committees submitted LRP;

Committee Reports

Standing Committees

- Policy and Bylaws Committee - none
- Finance Committee - none
- Personnel Committee - none
- Buildings and Grounds Committee - none

Ad Hoc Committees

- Cultural Inclusion - none

Personnel

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 46

RESOLVED, that the Ossining Public Library Board of Trustees approves the Personnel change so noted.

NEW HIRE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Proj. Hrs.</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Charles Muse	Custodial Wrk.	B&G	17 hours	\$21.35/hr.	4/23/12

	Aguirre	Bush	Capek	Jay	Morrison	Staudter
In Favor	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against						
Abstain						

RESOLUTION 47

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts, with thanks, the following donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Janice Ruotolo & Members of the Literary Group of American Association of University Women (AAUW)	\$125.00
Matching Grant from IBM initiated by W. Jean Horkans	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$175.00

The Gifts and Donations line (2705000) of the Revenue Report will be increased by \$175.00.

	Aguirre	Bush	Capek	Jay	Morrison	Staudter
In Favor	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against						
Abstain						

Old Business
None

New Business

- Election of Officers

President Jay stated that the Board by-laws require that the officers be elected this month. He asked the Board if anyone objected to performing the vote this evening. There were no objections.

Trustee Morrison nominated Trustee Art Jay for a second term as Board President. President Jay nominated Trustee Jaime Aguirre for the position of Vice-President. He also nominated Trustee elect Lucinda Manning for the position of Secretary.

	Aguirre	Bush	Capek	Jay	Morrison	Staudter
In Favor	X	X	X	X	X	
Against						
Abstain						X

- Trustee Retreat and New Trustee Orientation
 - Set date for Retreat: set to **Sat July 28th** possibly at Bailey Farms.
Agenda:
 - Morning: Trustee Training
 - Afternoon: Long Range Plan
- Motion for Summer Concerts:

RESOLUTION 48

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the request by the Village Recreation Department to use the Budarz Theatre as an alternate concert site for its Friday Evening Concert Series in case of rain. The Board approved up to two free concerts to be held in case of rain, while the costs incurred in staff and anything else for concerts after the

two would be fully reimbursed by the Village Recreation Department. The Recreation Department must notify the Library by 1:00 p.m. on the day of need.

	Aguirre	Bush	Capek	Jay	Morrison	Staudter
In Favor	X	X	X	X	X	
Against						
Abstain						X

President Jay reported that John Tortoso will be asked to address specific buildings and grounds questions that the board has for him. The target timeframe is September or October.

- **Retiree Healthcare Contribution Resolution**

The resolution was not formally written up as such but the issue was discussed by the Board. President Jay will send additional information to the Board so it can vote on this resolution next month.

Public Comment

Mrs. Isabel Deutsch asked about whether the large payment to the retirement fund can be appealed. Regarding the condition with the well pumps, she asked the OPL to consider digging the wells deeper. Further she inquired about calling different engineers or construction companies to assess the work.

Regarding the Art Exhibit incident she suggested that prior to the Art show, someone should put up a parent advisory.

The Board voted to enter Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. and voted to leave Executive Session at 10:19 p.m. At this time it also voted to adjourn.