



**BEEKMAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 2015**  
**Beekman Library Community Room**

**Trustees Present:** Tom Kraft, Lynn Brickman, Beth Ferguson. Julie Mirsberger, Kate Monroe, Breda Huvane

**Trustees Absent:** Bitsy Scigliano, Ed Lieberthal

**Trustees on Leave:** Ann Kummer

**Staff Present:** Carol Rodriguez

**Call to Order:** Tom called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**Monthly Expenditure Report:** The board members reviewed the expense report for April 2015.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Julie Mirsberger made a motion to accept the minutes as written from the April 2015 board meeting. Beth Ferguson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance Sheet (cash in the bank):

as of April 30, 2015

Total Assets: \$545,262

as of May 20, 2015 (preliminary)

Total Assets: \$525,963.64

Income Statement:

as of:

April 2015

April 2014

\$ 376,801 Total Income

\$ 388,187 Total Income

142,009 Total Expenses

127,039 Total Expenses

\$234,792 Net Income

\$261,118 Net Income

Overall: 2015 Actual vs. 2015 Budget:

Income lower by \$5,455

2015 Actual vs. 2014 Actual:

Income lower by \$26,326

Investigating possibilities with credit union to transfer funds to 24 month CDs with higher interest rates

**Presentation of Audit**

Jesse Doughty, CPA Pangia & Co. presented the audit. Determined the library is financially sound.

Tax return submitted

**Motion to enter Executive Session**

Motion made by Tom Kraft, seconded by Lynn Brickman to move to executive session to discuss personnel matter. Motion passed unanimously

**Director's Report:**

See report on file.

Plumbing problem resolved, replaced water tank and reset pressure

Book Sale upcoming May 30 and June 13

AED Grant received, training being set up

**Every Library Workshop Summary**

Carol presented summary of John Chraska's workshop regarding libraries passing budget votes

showed statistics of library users as voters, library as a community place, how libraries support progress in economic development in an area, importance of perceptions and attitudes of the librarians and people at the library

### **Committee reports**

**50th Anniversary:** Gala is June 20 sponsors continue to come in, baskets continue to be completed by Kate Monroe, set up from caterer 2 hours before start

**414 Committee:** Petition committee met and finalized FAQ  
Petition finalized and ready for signatures

### **Action Items**

**Motion by Kate Monroe, seconded by Beth Ferguson put forward for Carol Rodriguez, Executive Director, to receive stipend of five thousand dollars (\$5000) for the purpose of health care coverage beginning January 1, 2016. Approved unanimously.**

### **Public Comment**

none

Motion to adjourn made by Beth Ferguson, seconded by Julie Mirsberger, approved unanimously  
Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm.

### **Next Meeting**

**Monday, June 29, 2015, 7:00 pm.**

### **Old Business**

Sidewalk concerns seem to have been weather related from harsh winter and is not in need of repair at this time

Discussed Unionvale funds which were not received yet. Discussed options from MHLS if not received in near future

### **New Business**

Discussed 2016 tentative budget

Can exceed tax cap since there was not an increase last year, can carry over a percentage to this year. In order to maintain services, an increase of approximately \$13,000 is needed

Basement Expansion Project architect bids on hold to review documents regarding how to proceed in best way at this time.

### **Public Comment**

Breda Huvane attended and stated intention to join board as a trustee.

### **Action Items**

**Motion** made by Bitsy Scigliano, seconded by Ed Lieberthal to set the tax levy at \$380,000 for 2016. **Motion approved unanimously**

**Motion** made by Bitsy Scigliano, seconded by Ed Lieberthal to approve a resolution to override the tax cap for the 2016 budget. **Motion approved unanimously**

**Motion** made by Tom Kraft, seconded by Bitsy Scigliano to invite Breda Huvane to join the Board of Trustees effective immediately. **Motion approved unanimously**  
Welcome Breda

**Adjournment at 8:40 pm** moved by Julie Mirsberger seconded by Beth Ferguson

Next regular Board meeting will take place on **Tuesday, May 26, 2015** at 7:00 pm.  
(Meeting held on Tuesday due to Memorial Day holiday on Monday)

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Brickman