

Gold Coast Public Library District  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, June 20, 2018  
7:30 PM  
Library Annex

Present: Trustees Benchimol, Bernesby, Henneberger, Hertlein, Martin, Palermo, Papiro, Ryba; Library Director Morea (Trustee Kempton excused)

I. Call to Order President Benchimol called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes dated January 17, 2018.

President Benchimol requested minutes to be amended to add "Trustee Henneberger Excused."

Motion to approve minutes as amended: Trustee Palermo

Second: Trustee Bernesby

Unanimous vote to approve as amended

IV. Treasurer's Report

Approval of warrant: checks #10584 thru 10650, dated 06/20/18, in the amount of \$52,595.23.

*All items on these warrants (and the invoices with other relevant documentation were reviewed and approved by a quorum of the Board including the Board President and Treasurer as well as the Gold Coast Public Library Director prior to the meeting).*

Approval of payroll:

P/R # 18-10               \$ 33,191.65

P/R # 18-02               \$ 31,976.02

P/R # 18-03               \$30,818.12

There was no capital warrant this month.

Motion to approve payment of warrant: Trustee Palermo

Second: Trustee Martin

Unanimous vote to approve

Motion to approve financial reports: Trustee Henneberger

Second: Trustee Martin

Unanimous vote to approve

Discussion on obtaining a higher rate of return. It is the consensus of the board that a portion of the fund balance be invested in the going market rates of approximately 2%.

V. President's Report

President Benchimol and Director Morea met with TOB Deputy Supervisor Greg

Carman to discuss TOB's under collecting of library tax for 2018. Director Morea to discuss this further later in the meeting.

President Benchimol commented on the very successful Summer Kickoff events, noting the June 16<sup>th</sup> children's event had 150 participants, and the June 8<sup>th</sup> 60's concert had the largest turnout ever for this annual concert. The Friends June 13<sup>th</sup> Supper and Helen Mirren Program was enjoyed by many.

President Benchimol reported that because the 2018 tax levy was under collected by TOB, our tax levy for 2019 surpasses the tax cap by a little over \$2,000. She prepared a letter to State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli requesting an exception to the tax cap be made in our unique case. See attached letter.

VI. Director's Report – see attached

Director Morea expounded on the meeting with TOB and subsequent conversations with NYS Comptroller's Office and board attorney Larry Tenenbaum on the under collection of library taxes by TOB. The under collection for 2018 results in the library exceeding the tax cap for 2019 since the tax cap is computed on taxes received in 2018 rather than what was supposed to have been levied. TOB will collect the under collected 2018 amount along with the 2019 assessment.

VII. Committee Reports

The Long Range Planning Committee presented a draft survey to the board. The board was asked to look over the survey and send any comments, questions or suggestions to Director Morea. The survey is targeted to go out to our residents this fall.

VIII. Public Comment

Rosemarie Cartegene from Friends of Gold Coast Public Library commented on the participation of the Friends in the Summer Kickoff reading events. Ms. Cartegene reported on the first Annual Membership Meeting of the Friends and publicly thanked Gemelli's Food Market for donating the supper served. She announced the upcoming Author's Luncheon will be held on September 26.

IX. Old Business

a. Discussion of 2019 Gold Coast Public Library Budget

Director Morea presented a power point (see printout of power point) on a possible resolution of the negative impact of TOB's under collection of 2018 taxes. In addition, a revised 2019 draft budget was presented and discussed. The final 2019 budget will be voted on at the July board meeting. The flyer (draft) going out to residents on the Budget Vote and Trustee Election was briefly

discussed. Trustees are to get their revisions, corrections, remarks to Director Morea before the July board meeting.

b. National Grid

An extension until July 30, 2018 was obtained by our attorney to respond to the complaint filed by National Grid. Our attorney is coordinating with other parties being sued and will keep us informed as the matter proceeds.

c. Roofing Project

The 2018-19 NYS Construction Grant was discussed.

Motion: To authorize Director Morea to apply for a 2018-2019 NYS Construction

Grant: Trustee Martin

Second: Trustee Ryba

Unanimous vote to approve

X. New Business

a. Personnel

Motion: To accept the resignation of Nicole Digirolamo effective June 22, 2018

Trustee Bernesby

Second: Trustee Henneberger

Unanimous vote to approve

Motion: To appoint part-time Librarian Trainee Alexandra Civorelli to full-time Librarian Trainee at \$20 per hour or \$36,500 per year: Trustee Papiro

Second: Trustee Palermo

b. NLS User Agreement

Motion: To accept NLS User Agreement for ILS Services: Trustee Bernesby

Second: Trustee Henneberger

Unanimous vote to approve

c. Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter (8:52 PM)

Motion: Trustee Palermo

Second: Trustee Martin

Unanimous vote to enter Executive Session

Motion to exit Executive Session (9:28 PM)

Motion: Trustee Papiro

Second: Trustee Ryba

Unanimous vote to exit Executive Session

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosemarie Ryba, Vice President