

Gold Coast Public Library District
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2015
7:00 PM
Library Annex

Present: Trustees Benchimol, Bernesby, Henneberger, Kelly, Kempton, Kupferman, Palermo, Ryba, Sibell; Library Director Morea

I. Call to Order

Board President Benchimol called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2015 (Regular Board Meeting)

Motion to approve: Trustee Palermo
Second: Trustee Kupferman
Unanimous vote to approve

July 1, 2015 (Special Board Meeting)

Motion to approve: Trustee Bernesby
Second: Trustee Ryba
Unanimous vote to approve

IV. Treasurer's Report

Approval of general fund warrant checks # 8274-8325 dated July 15, 2015, in the amount of \$ 56,202.54 and payroll warrants # PR 15-13 in the amount of \$26,888.77 and # PR 15-14 in the amount of \$ 27,674.31

Motion to approve payment: Trustee Palermo
Second: Trustee Sibell
Unanimous vote to approve

Approval of capital warrant checks # 1515-1519 dated July 15, 2015, in the amount of \$ 139,406.22

Motion to approve: Trustee Ryba
Second: Trustee Kupferman
Unanimous vote to approve

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

Approval of financial reports

Motion to approve: Trustee Kelly

Second: Trustee Palermo

Unanimous vote to approve

V. President's Report

8/1/15 Tenth Anniversary of Library opening

Acknowledge and thank staff members employed continuously since opening

Jeff Vasconi – children's librarian

Merrily Glaviano - senior account clerk

Christine Moretti – circulation clerk

Margaret Dare – HR clerk

Full Text Attached

VI. Director's Report

Library 10th anniversary

Final inspection of elevator – 7/16/15

Dina Schuldner, Teen Librarian, discussed new teen program developing apps with business contacts in community

VII. Committee Reports – Tabled until August meeting

VIII. Public Comment

1. Peter Hess, 1 Second St., Glenwood Landing: concerns about affordability of library project for residents of the Town of North Hempstead.
2. Scott Emerich, 14 Todd Dr., Glen Head: concerns about balance sheet, audits on website (?), town meetings, date of referendum
3. Bart Pesa, East Ave., Glen Cove: concerns about Halm property coming off commercial tax roll
4. Wendy Simone, 3 Post St., Glen Head: concerns about traffic
5. Jim Spano, Ronan Rd., Glen Cove: concerns about progress of project (architect engaged)

IX. Old Business

- a. Update on new building initiative
- b. Discussion and adoption of 2016 Gold Coast Public Library Draft Budget
 - \$ 1,616,845 budget
 - \$ 1,493,000 from taxes
 - \$ 90,000 from PilotMotion to approve the 2016 GCPLD Budget: Trustee Kelly
Second: Trustee Palermo

Unanimous vote to approve

X. New Business

a. Personnel Resignation (Library Clerk)

Motion to accept the resignation of Nancy Byrnes, library clerk, effective 7/3/15:
Trustee Palermo

Second: Trustee Kelly

Unanimous vote to accept

b. Anticipate entering an Executive Session to discuss a matter of real estate

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter of real estate at 8:50

PM: Trustee Kelly

Second: Trustee Kupferman

Unanimous vote to approve

Motion to leave Executive Session at 9:30 PM: Trustee Henneberger

Second: Trustee Palermo

XI. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kempton, Secretary

REMARKS MADE BY TRUSTEE BENCHIMOL AT GOLD COAST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING JULY 15, 2015

August 1 will be the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Gold Coast Public Library. Believe it or not, there are patrons who do not remember the days when we did not have a library.

Since opening we have expanded our hours of service, are now offering a wide array of programs in space we rent in the annex and have become an important asset in the community.

We know that a library is not just a building with books and DVDs. We have been incredibly fortunate in having a staff of professional, caring individuals who have created and nurtured the friendly, warm atmosphere that welcomes our patrons. We could take the motto of the First of Long Island Bank and say that at our library, "everyone knows your name".

Tonight, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to recognize four members of our staff who have been with us since our first opening months.

Jeff Vasconi was hired in July 2005 as our Children's librarian. Jeff, aka Mr. V, has survived floods, organized all the summer reading programs, as well as the many programs offered to children of all ages, from toddlers or younger to pre-teens.

Merrily Glaviano, our part time senior account clerk, was hired in August 2005. From balancing the books, preparing checks and reviewing invoices, she is an important behind the scenes member of the administrative staff.

Kristy Moretti joined us as a part time circulation clerk in August 2005 and became full time in 2007. Her warm welcoming smile greets our patrons as they check out and return books.

Margaret Dayre joined our behind the scenes administrative staff as a part time human resources clerk in September 2005. Responsible for all personnel records and benefits, she also plays a vital role as our liaison with civil service.

On behalf of the Board I want to thank them for their dedicated service to the library.