

Regular Meeting  
Nioga Board of Trustees  
January 30, 2024  
Nioga Headquarters

The regular meeting of the Nioga Library System Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at Nioga Library Headquarters, Lockport, New York.

**Present:** Mr. Charles Begley, Mr. Jeffrey Laub, Mr. Dan Haight, Mr. Craig Bacon, Mr. Howard Balaban, Ms. Jeanne Tuhoey, Ms. Kristie Miller, and Ms. Marylin Zaciewski

**Excused:** Ms. Andrea Fetterly and Ms. Patricia Nagel

**Staff Members Present:** Thomas Bindeman, and Lisa Erickson

**OPEN HEARING**

There was no business brought forth in the Open Hearing.

**APPOINTMENT OF CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS REPRESENTATIVE**

**Action:** Mr. Haight made a motion to appoint Ms. Tamman Kinan to the City of Niagara Falls Seat. Mr. Bacon seconded and the motion carried.

Lisa Erickson administered the oath of office for Ms. Kinan.

**Call TO ORDER**

Mr. Begley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Action:** It was moved by Mr. Haight to accept the minutes from the November 28<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Zasiewski.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance and Audit**

The monthly budget reports for November and December 2023 were included in the Board Packet. Also included were the Monthly Payroll reports for November and December 2023.

## Schedule of Payments-November and December 2023

General Fund 2023-11	\$328,539.93
LAA Account 2023-11	\$ 4,965.38
General Fund 2023-12	\$ 24,768.73
LAA Account 2023-12	\$ 43,358.66

Mr. Haight reviewed the financial reports with the Board of Trustees.

### **Authorization to Pay Reoccurring Bills**

**Action:** Mr. Haight made a motion to pay reoccurring bills as presented. Mr. Laub seconded and the motion carried.

### **Audit Update**

FY 2022 Audit will be available at the March meeting.

### **Nominating Committee**

Mr. Laub updated the Board on upcoming vacancies:

- City of Lockport
- Niagara County

Mr. Bacon and Mr. Begley have both agreed to run for re-election.

### **Program Committee**

Ms. Zaciewski updated the Board on the annual dinner that will be held at the Wurlitzer Events in North Tonawanda.

## **PRISDENTS REPORT**

### **Ethics and Conflict of Interests Statements**

Mr. Begley reviewed these documents with the Board.

## **System Calendar**

The 2024 Calendar was included in the Board Packet

## **Central Library Issue Update**

Mr. Begley updated the Board on the issues with the Central Library.

## **Grigg-Lewis Grant**

**Action:** Mr. Bacon made a motion to accept the Grigg Lewis grant of \$12,000.

Ms. Kinan seconded and the motion carried.

## **Trustee Training**

Mr. Begley updated the Board on trustee training for 2023 and 2024. A training schedule was included in the Board Packet.

## **Statistics Report**

Included in the Board Packet

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

### **State Budget and Advocacy Update**

Tom Bindeman updated the Board on State Budget negotiations for 2024. The Governor has proposed an increase in library funding. Tom Bindeman asked the Board to contact their elected officials and advocate for this increase.

### **CSEA Negotiations**

**Action:** Ms. Kinnan made a motion to appoint Stephanie Cole Adams as the attorney for union negotiations. Mr. Bacon seconded and the motion carried.

### **Communication, Advocacy, and Outreach Update**

#### **Annual Reports for Fiscal Year 2023**

Lisa Erickson informed the Board that the annual report portal is open. Member Library Reports are due at the System February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **State Construction Update**

Lisa Erickson informed the Board that State Construction Applications have reached the third level in the approval process. A second round of funding should be made available in the near future.

### **Extension Services and Youth Services Reports**

These reports were included in the Board Packet.

### **MEMBER LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS, ISSUES, AND CONCERNS**

Newfane Library issues were discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Board Packets will now be available via a Google Folder.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Next Board Meeting Date:

**March 19<sup>th</sup> 2024**