SYOSSET PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES
MEETING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014

Time: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Ms. Evans, President. The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:35 PM and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:53PM.

Attendance: Present - Jane Evans, President; Robert Glick, Vice-President; Lorraine Trachtman, Reid Goldsmith and Alene Shorin, Trustees; Karen Liebman, Director; Lisa Caputo, Assistant Director; Angela Khilnani, Secretary; Arthur Venezia, Treasurer/Accountant and Benjamin Truncale Jr., Legal Counsel. Benjamin Truncale Jr., Legal Counsel, left at 6:55 PM.

Public Attendance: None

Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2014 were unanimously approved.

Glick – Trachtman       Aye: Trachtman, Evans, Shorin, Glick, Goldsmith

Treasurer’s/Accountant’s Reports: The Treasurer’s and Accountant’s reports for February 2014 were unanimously approved.

Glick – Goldsmith
Aye: Trachtman, Glick, Evans, Goldsmith, Shorin

Bill Schedules: Unanimously accepted: No. 24 for $130,639.42, No. 25 for $181,679.02 and No. 26 for $95,416.91

Glick – Trachtman       Aye: Trachtman, Goldsmith, Evans, Shorin, Glick

Correspondence: None

Director’s Report: As submitted. Mrs. Liebman reported that Roland’s Electric installed three-way switches at the chair lift locations and dual technology sensor wall switches in the emergency staircase. New carpet tiles were installed in the café area and supplemental heat was installed at the Information Desk. Mrs. Liebman reported that a snowplow hit the book drops while plowing on February 10. New book drops have been installed. Mrs. Liebman attended a meeting at Senator Carl Marcellino’s office with other directors in his district to express their disappointment with Governor Cuomo’s $4 million cut in library aid. Also, discussed was their hope that public libraries would be exempt from the MTA Payroll Tax. In addition, Mrs. Liebman reported that she met with SimplexGrinnell to have carbon monoxide detectors installed that would work in conjunction with the alarm system.
Assistant Director’s Report: As submitted. Ms. Caputo reported that she and Clare Badke have been working on the New York State Annual Report. Three staff members traveled to Albany on NCLA’s annual Advocacy Day bus trip on February 26. Sharon Long, YA Librarian, created a video to share recent and upcoming teen programs. The video will also be aired on H.B. Thompson’s morning announcements shown on TV at the middle school. Readers’ Services librarians created a new section on the website call read-alikes/watch-arounds. This section offers suggestions of books and DVDs that share the appeal characteristics of several hit television series. The Board accepted the department heads’ reports and statistics for filing.

Glick – Shorin   Aye: Trachtman, Evans, Glick, Shorin, Goldsmith

Personnel Activity Report: None

Committee Reports: None

Response from the Public: None

Old Business: None

New Business: 1) The Board unanimously approved staff attendance at LILC (Long Island Library Conference) on May 1, 2014.

Glick – Trachtman   Aye: Evans, Glick, Trachtman, Shorin, Goldsmith

2) The Board unanimously approved three (3) staff members to attend Library Journal: Lead the Change on April 3, 2014.

Glick – Trachtman   Aye: Evans, Trachtman, Goldsmith, Glick, Shorin

3) The Board unanimously approved two (2) staff members to attend BookExpo America for one day.

Glick – Trachtman   Aye: Goldsmith, Evans, Trachtman, Shorin, Glick

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. Glick – Trachtman

Aye: All

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Khilnani

Secretary of the Board