

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUDGET HEARING & ADOPTION
APRIL 9, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M.**

A Budget Hearing and Adoption was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, in the Community Room of the Great Neck Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, NY 11023. [Agenda attached]

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

Marietta DiCamillo – President
Francine Ferrante Krupski – Vice President [arrived at 7:42 p.m.]
Josie Pizer – Treasurer
Joel Marcus – Assistant Treasurer
Varda Solomon – Secretary
Janet Nina Esagoff

Absent: Michael Fuller – Assistant Treasurer

Also present: Laura Weir – Interim Director
Neil Zitofsky – Business Manager

Call to Order

President DiCamillo called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Budget Review

Mr. Zitofsky reviewed the changes that were made subsequent to the second draft budget prepared for the budget workshop on March 26:

- Retirement line bumped up \$13,000.
- NLS Support reduced by \$13,000 – down from \$59,900 to \$46,900. This new information was received a week ago via an email from NLS Director Jackie Thresher. The Board became aware of this revised number for the first time tonight and the Interim Director and the Business Manager were asked to make sure that the Board is kept up to date with any new NLS funding chart received.
- Employee Benefits increased from \$\$66,700 to \$79,700 as a result of an increase in the NYS Employees Retirement System and Health Insurance premiums.
- Library Materials and Programs line was reviewed and adjusted downwards to reflect an increase of \$53,000 over the previous year.
- Tax Appropriations of \$8,400,000 represents an increase of \$162,000 or 1.97% when compared to the previous year's budget. Total proposed budget for July 2013 to June 2014 is \$8,532,000, an increase of \$119,000 over the previous year's budget.

The floor was then opened up for questions from the Trustees.

Trustee Solomon inquired whether there was money in the proposed budget for E-Commerce – a credit card software system by which patrons can pay their fines, etc., online. The Board is interested in purchasing this software but more discussions need to take place. It already has been discussed at Finance Committee level. Mr. Zitofsky said the money was in the Computer Software line. Trustee Solomon asked if that line also included the operating cost for the new search engine software, and Mr. Zitofsky said it did. Trustee Solomon requested a detailed schedule for the 2014 budgeted amount of \$33,500 in that line.

Another question concerned Freegal which is purchased through NLS without discounts and which is not very well used by our patrons. This will be looked into.

Mr. Zitofsky, Ms. Weir and Finance Committee Chair, Ms. Pizer, were thanked for putting this budget together.

Public Comment: Ralene Adler, Carol Frank, Dan Gluan, Karen Rubin

Upon motion by Josie Pizer and seconded by Joel Marcus, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees adopt the proposed budget as presented, for the fiscal year July 2013 to June 2014 for a total budget of \$8,532,000 of which \$8,400,000 is to be raised by taxation, and that a letter and a copy of the budget be sent to the Great Neck School District.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (DiCamillo, Esagoff, Ferrante Krupski, Marcus, Pizer, Solomon)

Open Time

Speaking: Ralene Adler

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on motion by Varda Solomon and seconded by Francine Ferrante Krupski.

Respectfully submitted,

Varda Solomon
Secretary, Board of Trustees