Chuck Burke, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Charles Burke, Jr, President
Dierdra Clark Gray, Vice President
Yadira Ramos-Herbert, Secretary
Quentin S. Jacobs
Whitney Barrat
Daniel Bonnet

ADMINISTRATION

Thomas Geoffino
Jean Manning
Mary Kane Passacreta

WLS REPRESENTATIVE

LaRuth Gray (excused)

OLD BUSINESS:

Downtown Redevelopment:

President Chuck Burke reported that the Library Board had nothing further to report in relation to the proposed Phase 1 agreement to perform a valuation of the library property and associated development rights.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The following individuals spoke during this time:

Dorothy Oliver doliver162@yahoo.com
Lourdes Font 76 Vaughn Avenue
Dan Miller 14 Lakeside Drive
Maxine Golub 98 Bayberry Lane
Marjorie Sachs 14 Lakeside Drive
Arnie Fleisher 246 Coligni Avenue
Jeff Rifkin 31 Holly Drive

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING:

The April meeting minutes were reviewed by the Trustees. Whitney Barrat moved that the minutes be approved as amended, seconded by Yadira Ramos-Herbert and approved.

WLS REPORT:

No report was made.
EXPENDITURES:

Vouchers previously reviewed by various Board members were found to be in order and co-signed appropriately. Board approved payment of the following vouchers:

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

No report was made as it was integrated into the Director’s Report.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Tom Geoffino reported on the following issues:

+ **Main Library Theater HVAC Grant:** In August 2016, our library submitted a FY 2016/17 New York State Construction Grant awards in relation to work proposed for the Main Library Theater HVAC Project. Our grant award for this project was $77,647 per WLS Board of Trustees. However, this award was increased by $1,157 to $78,804 due to the withdrawal of another WLS library grant application. This project is now underway with its conclusion scheduled for the end of July 2018.

+ **Proposed Main Library Circulation Desk/Area Project:** In August 2017, our library submitted a FY 2016/17 New York State Construction Grant application in relation to work proposed for the Main Library Circulation Area Project. The proposed project will allow the library to create a newly reconstituted Circulation Area, including an ADA compliant desk with unified circulation, return and registration functionality, back office area, library/lobby gates, security desk with electronic surveillance capability, new material anti-theft gates and patron placed hold pick-up shelving. Cost estimation for this project was $368,485. On September 28th, our library was notified by the WLS Board that we were tentatively awarded the maximum grant amount of $276,363. Next steps call for the New York State Library confirming the grant award pending Dormitory Authority of the State of New York support. The initial payment will likely arrive in August 2018. In the meanwhile, our Foundation is beginning its efforts to raise the $92,000 matching amount necessary in the acceptance of the grant.

+ **Neighborhood Association Meetings:** Our library mailed over 70 letters to New Rochelle neighborhood associations requesting to be invited attend meeting prior to the May 15th election. The goal in this effort is to share information regarding the FY 2018/19 budget proposal, provide an overview about library services, highlight notable achievements and answer questions about these topics or anything of interest to the New Rochelle community. Another important aspect of these meeting is the opportunity for residents to meet library trustees, especially candidates running for the vacant library trustee positions. To date, our library appeared at 12 meetings scattered throughout New Rochelle. Our annual budget mailer is scheduled to be mailed tomorrow, May 4th and will arrive at residents’ homes long before Election Day.

+ **Banner in Library Lobby:** Thanks to the generous support of our Foundation, we have added more lobby banners (as created by local artist Dale Zheulin) in the space adjacent to the Ossie Davis Theater.

+ **Friends of NRPL:** The Friends will hold its next Board meeting on May 9th with its next Book Sale scheduled for May 3rd, 4th and 5th.
NRPL Foundation: The next Foundation Board meeting is scheduled for May 21st meeting with its Annual Meeting scheduled for June 19th at Posto 22.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

No report was made.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

No report was made.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Tom Geoffino reported that the Theater HVAC Project is slated to begin in mid-May. Our Ossie Davis Theater will be “dark” from June 11th to July 9th while renovations are underway. The project is expected to be completed by the end of July.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, FOUNDATION, FRIENDS AND HUGUENOT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Committee Chair Daniel Bonnet reported on the numerous and diverse cultural, educational and recreational library programs currently available to our community.

FINANCE, TREASURY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Board President Chuck Burke reported that library is still waiting NRSD approval of the TAN/Bond/BAN MOU between both organizations.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Tom Geoffino indicated that the recruitment process for the hourly Bilingual Library clerk resulted in a large number of qualified candidates. Interviews are underway. The posting for the Huguenot Children’s Library Summer Fun Assistant position are underway with the closing scheduled for late May.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

Tom Geoffino introduced the issue of repealing our library’s 40 cents patron placed hold fee. He indicated that few WLS libraries currently enforce such a fee with New Rochelle residents circumventing these fees by requesting NRPL owned holds be sent to neighboring libraries for retrieval. He also shared research that characterized such fines as barriers to access.

Dierdra Clark moved that the 40 cents hold fee be abolished effective immediately, seconded by Whitney Barrat and approved.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Tom Geoffino indicated that the library is still waiting upon the revised PEG Grant agreement recently resubmitted to the City of New Rochelle for its consideration. Tom Geoffino announced that Library Board meeting are regularly broadcast on the local cable (Cablevision and FiOS) education channels.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Yadira Ramos-Herbert
Secretary