

**THE FERGUSON LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 12, 2005**

**Present:**

**Board Members:** H. Romanowitz, Chair; E. Abate; G. Caggainello;  
T. Cassone; G. Cohen; K. Emmett; D. Monsma; W. Warrick

**Citizen Advisers:** G. Harvey; T. Payne; A. Sexton

**Staff:** E. DiMattia; N. Bochicchio; G. Nichols; C. Ward

Dr. Romanowitz called the meeting to order and introduced Caroline Ward, the Library's Coordinator of Children Services. Ms. Ward recently received ALA's Grolier Award for Excellence in Children's Librarianship.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the February 15, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Warrick reported on the results of financial operations through March 31, 2005, noting variances in some revenue and expense categories.

Mr. DiMattia and Mr. Bochicchio reviewed a forecast of financial operations which indicated a slight favorable position at year-end.

**President's Report**

Referring to his February's report, Mr. DiMattia commented on African-American History Month, passport activity, and the web-based live Homework Help Program. He highlighted staff awards and the market research project from his March report.

**Executive Committee**

Dr. Romanowitz reported that at its most recent meeting the Executive Committee discussed a letter received by Mr. Tarzia of the City's Board of Finance. A draft response was considered.

Mr. DiMattia informed the Board that the contract for the Weed project was signed following approval by the Executive Committee on March 29, 2005.

**Friends of Ferguson**

Ms. Sexton noted that the Friends of Ferguson have agreed to host the Book & Author Luncheon in 2006. They will also underwrite 100% of the cost of this year's Summer Reading Club. Sales at the two Book Shops are up 26%, to \$97,000 through March 31, 2005. This year's Literacy Competition has attracted 470 entries.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing several personnel matters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Greg Caggainello  
Secretary