

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 26, 2023

- PRESENT: Cheryl Cufari, David Fronk, Sharon Jordan, Steve McCutcheon, Julie McDonnell, Jude McQueen, Bernice Rivera, Brenda Schworm, Madelyn Thorne, Tina Chericoni Versaci, Christine Witkowski
- VIRTUAL: Randy Fine
- ABSENT: Carmel Patrick, Haileab Samuel, Angela Tatem
- Ex-Officio: Charity Thorne, Executive Director of Library System, Devon Hedges, Assistant Library Director; Beth DeMidio, Assistant Library Director of Operations; Janice P. Martin, Board Clerk

Tina Chericoni Versaci called the organizational meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

- Tina Chericoni Versaci issued the oath of office to newly appointed trustee Madelyn Thorne and reappointed trustee Julie McDonnell.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Cheryl Cufari asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she made a motion to approve the following slate of officers to fill current vacancies. The motion was seconded by Sharon Jordan. Motion passed.
President – Tina Chericoni Versaci
Vice-President – Madelyn Thorne
Treasurer – Carmel Patrick

Tina Chericoni Versaci adjourned the organizational meeting at 6:08 p.m. on a motion by Sharon Jordan, seconded by Julie McDonnell.

Tina Chericoni Versaci called the monthly meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Christine Witkowski announced that February 28, 2023 is Advocacy Day at the Capital. Trustees are invited to participate and she will be sending out more information soon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting for December 1, 2022, and Finance Committee meeting minutes for October 27, 2022 November 28 2022 and January 23, 2023 were approved on a motion by Steven McCutcheon, seconded by David Fronk with an abstention from Madelyn Thorne.

AGENDA ORDER CHANGES

- Charity Thorne recommends the use of a Consent Agenda, which groups routine, procedural, non-controversial items that would be presented to the board in a single motion and vote. Discussion

ensued and it was agreed that changes to the agenda will begin with the February 23, 2023 meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Tina Chericoni Versaci sent trustees a survey asking for their preferred time to meet for the monthly meetings.
- The Board Committee list was distributed and it is recommended that some of the committees be combined.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Trustees reviewed the written report submitted by Charity Thorne. Additionally:
- The Friends of the Library approved the 2023 Library budget request.
- Vacancies will be filled in the coming months.
- Training? Narcan?

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

- The Winter book sale will be held on Saturday, February 4 from 10 am-4pm and Sunday, February 5 from 12-3 pm.

BRANCH COMMITTEE

- David Fronk reported that the committee will be meeting next week.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

- Trustees reviewed the written report submitted by Sharon Jordan.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tina Chericoni Versaci presented:

- Resolution 1 – Approval of SCPL Board of Trustees Expenditures. Steven McCutcheon moved, seconded by Madelyn Thorne. Motion passed.
- Resolution 2 – Acceptance of Alderson Bequest. Bernice Rivera moved, seconded by Cheryl Cufari. Motion passed. The Board of Trustees thanked the Alderson family for their generous bequest.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- Charity Thorne reported that she and admin staff had a meeting with Biblioteca to discuss replacement of the material handling unit and self-check machines.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. on a motion by Sharon Jordan, seconded by Bernice Rivera.