

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
January 27, 2022

PRESENT: Cheryl Cufari, Deborah Escobar, Randy Fine, David Fronk, Heather Gray, Sharon Jordan, Joe Landry, Steven McCutcheon, Julie McDonnell, Carmel Patrick, Bernice Rivera, Haileab Samuel, Brenda Schworm, Angela Tatem, Tina Chericoni Versaci

Ex-Officio: Karen Bradley, Director; Devon Hedges, Assistant Library Director III, Charlene Roman, President, Friends of the Library; Sara Mae Pratt, Schenectady County Legislature, Chair, Education and Libraries; Michelle Ostrelch, Schenectady County Legislature Vice-Chair, Education and Libraries; Janice P. Martin, Board Clerk

Deborah Escobar called the annual meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Report of the Nominating Committee

- Carmel Patrick asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she made a motion to approve the following slate of officers for 2022-2023.

President: Deborah Escobar  
Vice-President: Tina Chericoni Versaci  
Treasurer: Steven McCutcheon  
Secretary: Heather Gray

The motion was approved unanimously.

Joe Landry issued the oath of office to the newly elected officers and to the recently appointed and reappointed trustees: David Fronk, Bernice Rivera and Haileab Samuel and re-appointed trustees: Randy Fine, Angela Tatem and Tina Chericoni Versaci.

Deborah Escobar presented committee assignments, board meeting dates, finance committee meeting dates. It was agreed upon that monthly board meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Deborah Escobar called the monthly meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

- No one spoke during privilege of the floor.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14 MEETING

- The minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- After informal introductions, Deborah Escobar reminded trustees about "Virtual Advocacy Day," 2022. Please refer to the email Karen Bradley forwarded on January 20, 2022 from MVLS Communications/Community Relations Specialist, Wade Abbott, regarding the virtual event.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director's report was submitted as written; highlights include:
- JA Agreement – Resolution #1 – Motion to approve by Sharon Jordan, seconded by Carmel Patrick and approved unanimously.
- The Schenectady County Legislature amended the 2022 Library Operating Budget to include additional funds in the hourly staffing portion of the budget.
- The Scotia Branch Library re-opened to the public on January 3, 2022 after the renovation and expansion in 2021. Ribbon cutting date TBA by county.
- Work has begun on the SCPL Annual Report.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

- The Whitney Book Corner is moving to the space formerly housed by Sassy's Satellite at 105 Clinton Street, across from the Library. The Friends hope to be in the new store by April 1, with a grand opening on April 21, 2022. This May will be the bookstore's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Friends programs continue: Noon programs, Beat the Snow Concerts, Great Decisions.
- Winter book sale will be held Saturday, February 5 and Sunday, February 6, 2022.

## BRANCH COMMITTEE – No Report

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

- Report submitted as written. Highlights:
- Completed rehabilitation of the Woodlawn Branch and new construction and rehabilitation of the Scotia Branch Library.
- Goals for 2022: Complete Niskayuna Branch parking lot reconfiguration, complete upgrades at Glenville, rehabilitation and upgrade Rotterdam.
- Branch Facilities Tour: April 4, 2022; new and continuing board members are encouraged to come.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Julie McDonnell briefly explained the Summary of Trustee Funds Report that is included in trustee packets. As it was discussed, the funds are in a specific account with the county and only the Library Board of Trustees can approve expenditures. The Finance Committee has included an expenditure approval for February and it will be presented by Joe Landry, Finance Committee, Chair.
- Resolution #2 – Approval of SCPL Board of Trustees monthly Expenditures. Joe Landry asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2. Motion made by Tina Chericoni Versaci, seconded by Bernice Rivera and approved unanimously.

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Report will be presented during Executive Session.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE – none.

## POLICY COMMITTEE – none.

## SECURITY COMMITTEE – none.

## TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – none.

## OLD BUSINESS – none.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- FINES – Karen Bradley stated that fines create a barrier for patrons looking to use library services. Deborah Escobar is calling for a committee on library fines to be formed. Carmel Patrick, Julie McDonnell, Randy Fine, Sara Mae Pratt and Deborah Escobar will be serving on the committee.
- ALA Grant – Karen Bradley reported that we received a \$10,000 ALA Rescue Plan Humanities Grant. Julie Dahlie prepared the grant.
- National Library Week – April 3-10, 2022. “Welcome to Your Library” theme. A small committee will be brought together in planning programs and services for this week.

The meeting entered into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

A motion to adjourn Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. was made by Sharon Jordan, seconded by Haileab Samuel and approved unanimously.

A motion to adjourn monthly meeting at 7:06 p.m. was made by Joe Landry, seconded by Carmel Patrick and approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.