

Schenectady County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 28, 2012
Niskayuna Branch Library

Present: Cheryl Cufari, Rory Fluman, Anthony Gaddy, Sharron Jordan, M. Joe Landry, Julie McDonnell, Lisa McHugh, Marsha Mortimore, Esther Swanker, Jean Wildgrube, Andrew Kulmatiski, Serena Butch-recorder

Absent and Excused: Edwin Reilly, Camille Siano Enders, Clifford M. Tepper, Tina Chericoni Versaci, Simon Weinstein

Friends Board: William Leitch

Guests: John Karl, Gary Hughes

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Esther Swanker asked for a motion to approve the May 23rd minutes. A motion by Julie McDonnell was made and seconded by Anthony Gaddy. It was approved unanimously.

An invitation was extended to all present to attend a garden party in honor of the new Schenectady School District Superintendent on July 17 at the Mohawk Club, hosted by Esther Swanker and Marion Grimes.

Rory Fluman has been named chair of a committee to honor the occasion of Andy Kulmatiski's retirement.

Esther Swanker and Kathy Rooney, County Manager, are fielding the applications for Director. They have extended the search for two more weeks.

A letter has been drafted to send to donors who previously asked that their donations to the capital project be returned. The intent is to encourage them to reconsider donating, now that the project is nearing completion.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Now that the library has approval for the RFID grant, planning work should begin in order to complete the project within the 2-year time frame. The grant includes a new circulation desk and reference desk.

The next round of state construction grants will include rehabilitation of the sidewalks around the library and landscaping the exterior of the building.

The capital budget includes a request to replace 79 computers which are 5 years or older (the system will no longer maintain computers that old.) Andy asked for a motion to approve the 2013 capital budget. Sharon Jordan made the motion. It was seconded by Cheryl Cufari and approved unanimously. Gary Hughes, County Legislator, suggested that Andy create a 5 year plan of phasing out older computers so the Legislature will only have to vote once on the appropriations.

A grant of \$15,000 was awarded to the Library from the office of Senator Farley. Andy suggested this money could go toward the purchase of new computers.

Andy requested a motion to approve the annual report. It was so moved by Jean Wildgrube and seconded by Joe Landry. It passed unanimously.

We are still on target for the reception for major donors on July 23rd. There is a delay in the shelving schedule, so the official ribbon cutting to open the new space may be delayed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee- Joe Landry reports that a letter has been sent to each board member asking for interest in serving as president of the board. A letter of intent, accompanied by a resume, must be submitted by July 20.

Bornet Bequest Committee- Sharon Jordan reports that a meeting with the county manager, Karen Johnson, Gary Hughes, Esther and Andy was fruitful. The group decided that it was premature to go ahead with any major decisions at this time. The county facilities staff will do a physical assessment of each branch in the interim. They would eventually like to have a study of branch functions. They expect to resume the committee work in October and possibly have a consultant on board by January, 2013.

Donor Reception Committee- Julie McDonnell reports that things are in place for the reception on Monday, July 23. The event will be catered by the Stockade Inn and decorated by Experience. Sharron Jordan made a motion to allocate up to \$5,000 to fund the event. It was seconded by Lisa McHugh and approved unanimously.

Retirement Party Committee- Chair Rory Fluman made a motion to allocate up to \$5,000 to fund the retirement celebration for Andy Kulmatiski. It was seconded by Tony Gaddy and approved unanimously. Date and location of the party is to be determined.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

President Bill Leitch reported that there is a new committee in place to coordinate the booksales. The Friends would be pleased to contribute to and co-host the retirement party for Andy. The county recently honored John Karl and Marsha Mortimer as Senior Citizens of the Year. The next Friends Board meeting will be on Tuesday, August 28th.

NEW BUSINESS

Jean Wildgrube moved that the Trustees approve an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for half of the purchase price of digital video equipment. The final amount will be determined by the director and is being matched by the Friends of the Library for an equal amount. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

John Karl announced a happy birthday to Jean Wildgrube. He reported that 160+ people were at the annual picnic on June 8th. He extended a big thank you to George Kirker and his staff for all the work they did and also to Joe Landry for providing door prizes, which were very popular. There was an author visit at the Whitney Book Corner from 6-7pm this evening. Friends' membership renewal procedures are being updated and will include a benefit provision.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tony Gaddy and seconded by Rory Fluman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. The next meeting is on Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 pm at the central library.