

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 15, 2015
Central Library

PRESENT: Cheryl Cufari, Camille Siano Enders, Randy Fine, Anthony Gaddy, Cori Hoffman, Sharon Jordan, Julie McDonnell, Marsha Mortimore, Carmel Patrick, Donna Phillips, Edwin D. Reilly Jr., Karen Bradley, Serena Butch, Janice Martin-recorder

ABSENT AND

EXCUSED: M. Joe Landry, William Levering, Jamaica Miles, Tina Chericoni Versaci

FRIENDS

BOARD: John Karl

Cheryl Cufari called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. She asked for a moment of silence in memory of Lisa Holt who passed away on October 2. Lisa was a substitute librarian and an active member of the Friends of the Library. Lisa formerly coordinated the Friends Literary Trips.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING

The minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting were approved, with one abstention from Camille Siano Enders, on a motion by Sharon Jordan, seconded by Edwin Reilly, Jr.,

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cheryl Cufari reported. The library is being honored at the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation's 13th Annual Building Block Party on October 29. On-line reservations are available if made before October 23. A scanned invitation was sent to trustees. Karen Bradley has two tickets to the event. Trustees may contact her if interested in attending.

The public hearing on the County's proposed 2016 budget was held on Tuesday, October 13. Cheryl Cufari expressed gratitude to Kathy Rooney and Debbie Mancini. The proposed budget would allow the Bornt Branch Library and Literacy Center to be open for 51 hours a week; it also makes a part-time librarian position full-time.

On a personal note, Cheryl Cufari announced that today is Karen Bradley's three year anniversary as library director. She is also a grandmother for the second time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Karen Bradley reported. She forwarded an email to trustees about *The Call to Action for Schenectady's Youth*, sponsored by The Schenectady Foundation. The event is being held on October 19.

Planning for the Bornt Branch Library and Literacy Center is continuously being held. On Friday, October 9, Karen Bradley, Serena Butch and Lauren Bendall picked out furniture for the new branch.

Karen Bradley and Leah LaFera will attend the NYLA Conference in Lake Placid. The conference is being held October 21-24, 2015. Karen Bradley reported that she will be attending an all-day course on finance.

Serena Butch and Kaela Wallman will be attending a four-day *Family Place Library* training in Long Island from October 26-29, 2015.

Jacqueline Woodson, author of *Brown Girl Dreaming*, is confirmed for a visit on April 4, 2016. The library will be coordinating with Kerri Messler from Schenectady City School District.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

John Karl reported. The fall book sale netted over \$16,000. He extended his gratitude to all of the volunteers that helped over the weekend sale. Funds are earmarked to support the library. A third recycle truck was needed due to the amount of books left after the book sale.

A special meeting is being held on October 20, 2015 to approve the new Friends By-Laws.

John Karl, Nancy Virkler, Karen Bradley and Serena Butch met to discuss Friends financial support. The Friends will pledge a significant amount of money towards the Bornt Branch Library and Literacy Center. They will also consider supporting the purchase of a new sound system for the McChesney Room.

BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Donna Phillips reported. She made a motion to approve Resolution #2 – 10/15/15 – Approval to replace media screen at Rotterdam Branch Library. The motion was seconded by Sharon Jordan and approved unanimously.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Sharon Jordan reported. Construction of the Literacy Center is right on track. Electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems are being installed within the next two weeks followed by dry wall installation. Paving is being done in the next month and cement curbs and sidewalks will follow. Completion of the Literacy Center is scheduled for December 2015 with the opening set for the first quarter of 2016.

Family Dollar should begin construction in December with an opening of March 2016.

Quaker Street rehabilitation work started on October 12. Completion should be by Thanksgiving. The library is scheduled to be closed for three days during construction.

The Glenville library has gone out for re-bid and they are due on October 30. Construction will begin in January 2016.

Niskayuna's rehabilitation project will begin in the spring of 2016.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Julie McDonnell reported. She made a motion to approve Resolution #1- 10/15/15 - Approval of SCPL Board of Trustees Expenditures. The motion was seconded by Cori Hoffman and approved unanimously.

Julie McDonnell made a motion to approve Resolution #3 – 10/15/15 - Tina Chericoni Versaci prepared the resolution in order to provide the authorization needed to liquidate the outstanding accounts held by the Board of Trustees of the Schenectady County Public Library. All liquidated monies will be deposited into an account in the name of the Board of Trustees of the Schenectady County Public

Library with the County of Schenectady, Department of Finance. Discussion ensued. The motion was seconded by Donna Phillips and approved unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tony Gaddy reported. The committee met recently and there is uncertainty in the following areas:

- Will there be “naming rights” for the Bornt Branch Library and Literacy Center
- Can the trustees do 3rd party fundraising – through a local business *Fundabilities*

Discussion ensued. The topic will be referred to the Policy Committee.

ONE COUNTY ONE BOOK

Carmel Patrick reported. Jacqueline Woodson’s visit has been confirmed for April 4, 2016. The next OCOB meeting will be held on November 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the McChesney Room. The committee is still looking for volunteers as sub-committees are formed to work on the program.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Randy Fine reported. The committee will meet in the next two to four weeks. He will provide a report for the December 10 meeting.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

John Karl announced that the kick-off celebration for the Friends 50th anniversary will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at the *Beat the Snow* winter concert series in the McChesney Room. He hopes the new sound system will be in place by then.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Fine announced that he is a volunteer with the American Red Cross. They can provide emergency preparedness programs to organizations with 30 or more interested participants. He will follow up if there is interest in this training.

Cheryl Cufari proposed combining the November and December meetings for a date of Thursday, December 10. After discussion, that date was confirmed for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Sharon Jordan, seconded by Julie McDonnell and approved unanimously.