

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 28, 2022

PRESENT: Cheryl Cufari, Sharon Jordan, Joe Landry, Steven McCutcheon, Julie McDonnell, Carmel Patrick, Brenda Schworm, Angela Tatem, Tina Chericoni Versaci

ABSENT: Deborah Escobar, Randy Fine, David Fronk, Heather Gray Bernice Rivera, Haileab Samuel

Ex-Officio: Karen Bradley, Director; Devon Hedges, Assistant Library Director III, Beth DeMidio, Assistant Library Director of Operations, Sara Mae Pratt, Schenectady County Legislature, Chair, Education and Libraries; Janice P. Martin, Board Clerk

GUEST: Shenandoah Briere

Tina Chericoni Versaci called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one spoke during privilege of the floor.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING

The minutes of the March 24, 2022 Library Board of Trustees meeting were approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Tina Chericoni Versaci read Resolution 1 – Resolution of Appreciation for Schenectady County Public Library Director, Karen Bradley. Motion by Carmel Patrick, seconded by Sharon Jordan, motion passed.
- Karen Bradley thanked the board and remarked that it has been an honor and privilege to work with Schenectady County for the past twenty years. She reported that she, Beth DeMidio and Devon Hedges met with the County Manager last week and they have not found a replacement for her position yet. After a discussion with Beth DeMidio and Devon Hedges, Rory Fluman, County Manager, appointed them as co-directors to serve in that role.
- The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, 2022.
- The grand opening of the Whitney Book Corner will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The fine free initiative has had a tremendous impact on our patrons and their ability to access library materials.
- There will be a three-day closure, May 26-28, 2022 at the Glenville Branch Library for replacement flooring as part of the renovation.
- The Niskayuna Branch Library will be closed from May 9-May 23, 2022 for the long-awaited parking lot/sidewalk renovation.
- The Rotterdam Branch Library will be closed from June 6-20, 2022 for renovations beginning with the installation of flooring throughout the building. (Update as of May 10, 2022: the flooring order for the Rotterdam project has been delayed. Target date for closure will be at the end of August/beginning of September).
- Kaela Wallman, Coordinator of Youth Services and our volunteers from Wildwood delivered the 100th STARS book kit to SICM on April 13, 2022.
- The Scotia Branch Library will receive a Preservation Award for the work on the historic building, including the new addition.
- Karen Bradley presented Resolution 2 – Approval of the 2021 New York State Annual Report. She thanked Devon Hedges, Beth DeMidio and the County finance team, John McPhillips and Kim Scheuer

for their work on the financial part of the report. A motion to approve was made by Sharon Jordan, seconded by Steve McCutcheon. Motion passed.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

No report.

BRANCH COMMITTEE – No report.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

- Niskayuna – Complete parking lot reconfiguration in spring/summer 2022. Complete electrical upgrades.
- Glenville – Complete upgrades in spring 2022.
- Rotterdam – Rehab and upgrade. Completion scheduled at end of fall 2022. Complete electrical upgrades.
- KBJ – Have a long term and sustainable landscaping plan in place by spring 2022. Begin planning for 2nd floor renovations. Complete electrical upgrades.
- KBJ and Branches – Work with County for a long-term plan for annual carpet and window cleaning.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joe Landry presented the following resolutions:

- Resolution 3 – Approval of SCPL Board of Trustees Monthly Expenditures. Motion to approve by Steve McCutcheon, seconded by Julie McDonnell. Passed.
- Resolution 4 – Approval for submission of the 2023 Capital Budget Request. Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of a new van for the library. Motion to approve by Carmel Patrick, seconded by Steve McCutcheon. Motion passed.
- Resolution 5 – Finance/Building-Additional projects recommended for county funding within 2023 budget for capital projects from the Schenectady County Public Library Board of Trustees. Motion to approve by Cheryl Cufari, seconded by Sharon Jordan. Motion passed.

The 2023 budget request will be presented to the trustees at the May 26, 2022 Library Board of Trustees meeting. The final document will be approved on Thursday, June 9, 2022. Please note that the June meeting date has been changed from June 23 to June 9, 2022.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – No report.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No report.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Julie McDonnell presented Resolution 6-Resolution to purchase certain furniture and equipment for the Hon. Karen B. Johnson Central Library. The furniture and equipment will be used for the creation of “Karen’s Corner,” a welcoming and comfortable space within the library where adults and children can read together. This space is in honor of Karen Bradley, retiring library director, for her many years of service to our County and community. Discussion ensued. There was a motion by Carmel Patrick to amend the resolution authorizing the purchase in an amount up to \$3,000 (previous amount was \$2,000), seconded by Sharon Jordan. Motion passed. A motion to approve the amended resolution was made by Carmel Patrick and seconded by Julie McDonnell. Motion passed.

Tina Chericoni Versaci adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.