

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
July 27, 2023

**PRESENT:** Cheryl Cufari, Randy Fine, Steve McCutcheon, Julie McDonnell, Jude McQueen, Carmel Patrick, Madelyn Thorne, Tina Chericoni Versaci

**ABSENT:** David Fronk, Sharon Jordan, Bernice Rivera, Brenda Schworm, Angela Tatem, Christine Witkowski

**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

**GUEST:** Rory Fluman, Schenectady County Manager

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Rory Fluman briefed the trustees on the Asylum Seekers who arrived at the Super 8 Hotel in Rotterdam, New York. At the moment their immediate needs are taken care of. DOCGO the logistics company working for the City of New York has provided all the basics. The Manager's Office has been laying the groundwork for community providers to assist if need arises. Any offers of assistance should be directed to the Manager's Office.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for June 22, 2023
- b. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2023
- c. Approval of expenditures – Resolution 1

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Carmel Patrick, seconded by Madelyn Thorne. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF AMENDING 6.1 LENDING POLICY – RESOLUTION 2**

- Resolution 2 was presented and Charity Thorne reviewed the changes. Discussion ensued. A motion to approve was made by Steven McCutcheon, seconded by Cheryl Cufari, Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF ADOPTING 2.2 LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS – RESOLUTION 3**

- Resolution 3 was presented. Discussion ensued. A motion to approve was made by Cheryl Cufari, seconded by Carmel Patrick. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF ADOPTING 2.3 AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CODE OF EHTICS – RESOLUTION 4**

- Resolution is tabled until September meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Tina shared we received news from Eric at MVLS that they'll configure our block threshold in Polaris to \$49 from \$5, which is progress towards our Board of Trustees-approved policy of \$100.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Trustees reviewed the written report submitted by Charity Thorne.

Additionally:

- Roof at KBJ is completed.
- The Library's Adult Programming Coordinator position is vacant. Programming will be integrated into the Adult Services Staff.

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

- Fall book sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1, 2023.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

PLANNING COMMITTEE – No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE – No report.

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE – No report.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Steve McCutcheon asked trustees to submit their Financial Disclosure Form to the Auditor's Office if they have not yet done so.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. on a motion by Jude McQueen, seconded by Julie McDonnell.

The next regular Schenectady County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled to be held on September 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Swanker Board room at the Karen B. Johnson Library.