

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 1, 2022

PRESENT: Cheryl Cufari, Randy Fine, David Fronk, Steve McCutcheon, Julie McDonnell, Jude McQueen, Bernice Rivera, Brenda Schworm, Tina Chericoni Versaci, Christine Witkowski

ABSENT: Sharon Jordan, Carmel Patrick, Haileab Samuel, Angela Tatem

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

Tina Chericoni Versaci called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

- The minutes of the November 10, 2022 Library Board of Trustees meeting were approved as submitted on a motion by Bernice Rivera, seconded by Steve McCutcheon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Vice President Tina Chericoni Versaci announced that tonight is the last board meeting for the calendar year. The 2023 meeting dates are included in board packets for review.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Trustees reviewed the written report submitted by Charity Thorne.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

- Christine Witkowski reported that the Friends are participating in this year's Illuminocity Competition. This is the second year that the City of Schenectady and the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation, along with other partners have sponsored the event. The Whitney Book Corner has a storefront display and to place your vote, go to:
<https://dailygazette.secondstreetapp.com/illuminosity-2022/gallery/>

BRANCH COMMITTEE

- David Fronk reported that they will be scheduling for 2023.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Trustees reviewed the written report submitted by Sharon Jordan.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Julie McDonnell presented Resolution 1 – Approval of SCPL Board of Trustees Expenditures. Discussion ensued regarding payment for the two items listed on the expenditure sheet.

- Resolution 1 – Approval of SCPL Board of Trustees Expenditures. Steve McCutcheon moved, Brenda Schworm seconded. Motion passed.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Cheryl Cufari reported on a Pilot Program targeting “Outreach” from the SCPL Trustees Long-Range Plan of Service. She is meeting with a representative from the Brookdale Assisted Living Center and working as a liaison between them and the Friends of the Library. The Friends have donated a substantial number of books to the facility and they are also promoting their Winter Concert Series, “Beat the Snow,” held on Sundays during January-March each year.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Additional security cameras started being installed today at the Scotia Branch Library. We are awaiting installation of additional cameras at the Karen B. Johnson Library.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cheryl Cufari reported that Carmel Patrick, Chair of the Nominating Committee, is convening the committee to present a slate of officers for the January 26, 2023 meeting.
- Steve McCutcheon asked if the trustees would like to revisit the starting time of meetings. Tina Chericoni Versaci will send out a survey to all.
- The 2023 meeting dates are included in trustee packets for review.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 on a motion by Bernice Rivera, seconded by Jude McQueen.

The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Swanker Boardroom.