

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 23, 2023

PRESENT: Cheryl Cufari, David Fronk, Julie McDonnell, Carmel Patrick, Bernice Rivera, Brenda Schworm, Angela Tatem, Madelyn Thorne, Tina Chericoni Versaci, Christine Witkowski

ABSENT: Randy Fine, Sharon Jordan, Steve McCutcheon, Jude McQueen, Haileab Samuel

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

Tina Chericoni Versaci called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2023
 - b. Branch Committee Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2023
 - c. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2023
 - d. Approval of Expenditures – Resolution 1
- A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Carmel Patrick, seconded by Madelyn Thorne. Motion passed.

JOINT AUTOMATION ANNUAL AGREEMENT – RESOLUTION 2

- Devon Hedges gave a brief overview of the agreement to the board. The agreement term is for one year, January 1-December 31, 2023, billed monthly for library operations support from JA. A motion to approve was made by Cheryl Cufari, seconded by Carmel Patrick. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Tina Chericoni Versaci announced that Library Board of Trustees meetings will remain at 6:00 p.m. for the remainder of the year based on the survey results.
- Advocacy Day is Tuesday, February 28, 2023 in Albany. There is additional information on the MVLS website. MVLS is providing transportation from their headquarters on Duanesburg Road if anyone is interested in carpooling.
- Beginning January 1, 2023, New York State is requiring trustees to complete two hours of training each year. Information about pre-approved trainings can be found at the New York State Education Website. MVLS can also approve trainings.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- Trustees reviewed the written report submitted by Charity Thorne.

BRANCH COMMITTEE

- Trustees reviewed the minutes of the February 1, 2023 Branch Committee Meeting. Discussion ensued.

BUILDING COMMITTEE – No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – No report.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – No report.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No report.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. on a motion by David Fronk, seconded by Julie McDonnell.

The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Swanker Boardroom at the Karen B. Johnson Library.

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