

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 10, 2015
Central Library

PRESENT: Cheryl Cufari, Anthony Gaddy, M. Joe Landry, William Levering, Carmel Patrick, Donna Phillips, Edwin D. Reilly Jr., Tina Chericoni Versaci Karen Bradley, Serena Butch, Janice Martin-recorder

ABSENT AND

EXCUSED: Camille Siano Enders, Randy Fine, Cori Hoffman, Sharon Jordan, Julie McDonnell, Marsha Mortimore, Jamaica Miles

FRIENDS

BOARD: John Karl

Cheryl Cufari called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Cheryl Cufari announced that Harold Wusterbarth passed away. Mr. Wusterbarth was a former library trustee and longtime treasurer. His wife, Junice, was treasurer of the Friends of the Library. She asked for a moment of silence.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15 MEETING

The minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by William Levering, seconded by Anthony Gaddy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cheryl Cufari reported. The library received the 2015 DSIC Building Block Award at the October 29, 2015 Building Block Party.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Karen Bradley reported. The library received a \$75,000 check for the Bornt Branch Library from the Wright Family Foundation. The check, along with a letter from Heather Ward, Chairman and Executive Director, was received on December 9, 2015.

The Building Committee report is enclosed. Highlights include:

- Construction on Bornt Branch Library is about two weeks behind schedule
- Bornt Branch ribbon cutting should be around the end of February 2016
- Family Dollar is scheduled to be open on March 21, 2016
- Quaker Street rehabilitation project should be completed by Christmas
- Glenville project contract has been signed by Duncan Cahill and is awaiting County signatures
- Niskayuna's rehabilitation project will commence in the spring of 2016

The CLDA Plan was approved through MVLS. The grant application must now be approved in order to receive the funds. The Central Library Plan of Service CLDA Grant Application for 2016 in the amount of \$94,184 is enclosed in trustee packets. The board will be asked to vote at the end of the meeting under "New Business."

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

John Karl reported. The DSIC's Hall-iday event will take place on Saturday, December 12. There will be a Charlie Brown film marathon in the McChesney Room from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Whitney Book Corner will have an Open House from 1:00-4:00 p.m. featuring the Peanuts gang and the book *A Charlie Brown's Christmas*. Refreshments will be provided.

The Friends will highlight the 50th Anniversary celebration on the Schenectady Today Show with Ann Parillo on January 5, 2016. The official kick-off for the Friends 50th Anniversary will be held on Sunday, January 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the library. Refreshments will be served. The event will be followed by the first Beat the Snow Concert at 2:30 p.m. The concerts will be held every Sunday at 2:30 p.m. through the end of March. The only exception is Sunday, February 7; the winter book sale will be held that weekend, February 6 and 7.

The Friends will sponsor Jacqueline Woodson's April 4 author visit. Her book, *Brown Girl Dreaming* is the 2016 One County One Book selection.

The Friends Annual Dinner and 50th Anniversary Gala celebration will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the Riverstone Manor.

The Friends are looking to sponsor a major author in the Fall of 2016.

John Karl mentioned two longtime Friends volunteers: Alice Reed, weekly book sorter is 92; Rudy Dehn, Friends newsletter distribution volunteer is 96.

BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Donna Phillips reported. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Swanker Boardroom.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

Tina Chericoni Versaci presented the treasurer's report. A copy of the report is in trustee packets. Discussion ensued. Carmel Patrick made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Anthony Gaddy and approved unanimously.

Joe Landry asked for a motion to approve Resolution 1 – Approval of SCPL Board of Trustees Expenditures 12/10/15. A motion was made by William Levering, seconded by Donna Phillips and approved unanimously.

Joe Landry asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2 – Approval to Accept and Expend the Wright Family Foundation Grant. A motion was made by William Levering, seconded by Donna Phillips and approved unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Anthony Gaddy reported. The committee will meet in January 2016.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joe Landry reported. The nominating committee is scheduled to meet after this evening's board meeting.

ONE COUNTY ONE BOOK

Karen Bradley reported. Serena Butch, Lauren Bendall and Karen Bradley met with Schenectady School District staff regarding OCOB; they developed great ideas and partnerships for the program. The next meeting will be held in January.

A visit to Schenectady School District by illustrator, Bryan Collier, is tentatively scheduled during the week of February 22-26, 2016. If those dates do not work, it will be sometime in March 2016.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Bill Levering reported. The final version of Schenectady County Public Library Policies was approved at the September meeting. Additions will be made; the Friends of the Library just recently passed their by-laws.

Serena Butch reported that the credit card installation will be in place at the Central and Niskayuna Branch Libraries beginning Monday, December 14. She inquired if policies were needed for this service. Discussion ensued. A suggestion from Joe Landry is to set up administrative policies with advisement from the board finance committee.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Serena Butch reported. The committee met on November. 9.

Serena Butch and Karen Bradley met with the library Union team this week. They have serious concerns about security. Administration is looking into an updated security system.

The full-time deputy sheriff assigned to the library is shared with the Department of Social Services. Currently he is working more hours there than at the library due to staffing shortages. It is also difficult to recruit part-time deputy sheriffs due to the hourly wage and night and weekend work. A sheriff's presence can intercept many incidents before they even happen.

The next security meeting will be held in January.

NEW BUSINESS

Chery Cufari asked for a motion to approve Resolution 3 – 12/10/15 – Approval of CLDA Grant Submission to The Mohawk Valley Library System. Discussion ensued and it was decided to add "as attached," to the last sentence. A motion was made to approve the amended resolution by Donna Phillips, seconded by Bill Levering and approved unanimously.

Karen Bradley announced that this is Cheryl Cufari's last meeting as president. She will begin the January meeting and the new president will then take over. Karen thanked Cheryl for her leadership for the last three years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. on a motion by Joe Landry, seconded by Ed Reilly and approved unanimously. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Swanker Boardroom.