

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
April 25, 2019  
Central Library

PRESENT: Jennifer Barnes, Cheryl Cufari, Randy Fine, Cori Hoffman, Sharon Jordan, M. Joe Landry, William Levering, Julie McDonnell, Carmel Patrick, Tina Chericoni Versaci, Karen Bradley, Janice Martin-recorder

ABSENT: Curtis Eatman, Heather Gray, Marsha Mortimore

Carmel Patrick called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Saturday, May 4 will be the grand opening of the Mont Pleasant Branch Library. Remarks and ribbon cutting will be held at 11:00 am.
- The unveiling of the Seward/Tubman Statue will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 17. Welcome and remarks will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the McChesney Room.
- Carmel Patrick encouraged trustees to participate in Friend events. The book sale is coming up and they are always looking for volunteers.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Friends annual spring book sale is Saturday, May 4 and 5. If you are able to volunteer for a two-hour shift or help to clean up on Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m., please let the Friends know.
- The unveiling of the Harriet Tubman/William Seward sculpture, with a dedication ceremony to be held here on Friday, May 17, 2019, at 11:00 am with an unveiling at noon. Thanks to our County Manager, Don Scheuer, Sharon Jordan and Carmel Patrick for all of their work to meet the community committee's unveiling timeline.
- The Central Library will become a Literary Landmark for award winning author and illustrator Arnold Lobel, who did the Frog and Toad series on Wednesday, May 22 at 9:30 am. This is Arnold Lobel's birthday. You are invited to attend this special event.
- The MVLS Annual Dinner is on Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30 pm at River Stone. SCPL will be receiving an award for the Repair Café program.
- Beth DeMidio, our new Assistant Director of Library Operations, will begin her duties on Monday, April 29. The deadline for applications for the new Assistant Library Director III position has closed.
- The County Manager's budget document has been received and was discussed at last week's Finance Committee meeting.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

- The Friends held its annual meeting on April 9, 2019. The 2019-2020 slate of officers was nominated and approved.
- Spring book sale will be held May 4 and 5, 2019.
- *A Second Look* Book Store in ViaPort is doing well.
- The Friends are in the planning stages of a Board Retreat with the goal of revisiting our mission and goals.

#### PLANNING/OCOB

- Imbolo Mbue, author of *Behold the Dreamers*, the runner-up novel for this year's One County One Book will be at the SCCC Auditorium for an author event on Thursday, September 19, 2019.

#### BRANCH COMMITTEE

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at the Quaker Street Library at 5:00 pm.

#### BUILDING COMMITTEE

- The Grand Opening for the Mont Pleasant Branch Library will be held on Saturday, May 4. If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon Jordan or Karen Bradley for a private tour.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Resolution 1 – Approval of SCPL Board of Trustees Expenditures. A motion to approve was made by Julie McDonnell, seconded by Jennifer Barnes and approved unanimously.
- Julie McDonnell distributed the Proposed Budget Process.
  - Monday, May 13: Finance Meeting
  - Thursday, May 23: Board of Trustees monthly meeting
  - Tuesday, June 4: Finance Meeting
  - Thursday, June 13: Board of Trustees Special Meeting
- There will be an opportunity for discussion between meetings.

#### POLICY COMMITTEE

- William Levering reported that the committee needs new members. Tina Chericoni Versaci volunteered to join the Policy Committee.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- The Volunteer Picnic will be held on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Park Pavilion.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- An invitation to Kathy Rooney's retirement celebration is enclosed in trustee packets. The event will be held on Tuesday, May 21 from 5:30-8:00 at Mallozzi's Restaurant.