

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
November 18, 2021

PRESENT: Cheryl Cufari, Randy Fine, Joe Landry, William Levering, Steven McCutcheon, Julie McDonnell, Brenda Schworm, Angela Tatem, Tina Chericoni Versaci

Ex-Officio: Karen Bradley, Director; Beth DeMidio, Assistant Library Director for Operations; Devon Hedges, Assistant Library Director III, Peggy King, Schenectady County Legislature, Chair, Education and libraries; Cathy Gatta, Schenectady County Legislature, Co-chair, Education and libraries; Janice P. Martin, Board Clerk

ABSENT: Deborah Escobar, Heather Gray, Sharon Jordan, Carmel Patrick, Shawn Schultz

William Levering called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- Privilege of the Floor: none.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- As submitted, approved.

#### MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

- As submitted, approved.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Karen Bradley was honored at the JFK dinner on Thursday, October 28, 2021.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Early voting at the KBJ library went well.
- The Schenectady County Legislature adopted the 2022 County Operating and Capital Budget. Karen Bradley reviewed highlights with trustees.
- KBJ has been invited to participate in Illuminocity 2021. For more information: <http://downtownschenectady.org/portfolio/illuminocity2021/>
- Library administration met with Undersheriff Barrett on October 5, 2021 to discuss recent activity at city branches and potential training opportunities for staff to enhance public safety.
- Canvassing and interviews for the Librarian II replacement in the Youth Services department continue.
- Substantial completion of the tree renewal project along Liberty street was undertaken. The work was sponsored by and developed in partnership with Metroplex, DSIC, LAndArt Studio, ReTree Schenectady. Thanks to Sharon Jordan and Devon Hedges for working on this project.
- MVLS needs a representative from Schenectady County to the MVLS Board. They meet mornings on the third Thursday of the month at the MVLS Service Center.
- Our S.T.A.R.S program will receive a \$5,000 donation from the Zonta Club at their December 16, 2021 meeting.
- We continue to host the County Public Health Vaccine POD on Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm. We also hosted the first children's Vaccine POD on Saturday, November 6, 2021 for the 5-11-year-old children in our community. Thanks to Cheryl Cufari for volunteering in the morning. Karen Bradley worked the afternoon shift. The Sunday Vaccine POD will move to Proctors as part of the Greenmarket, as they move inside.

- We have collaborated with Albany Public Library on a Communities Engagement grant they received from the American Library Association which features murals and performance programs with the intention of addressing systemic racism and uplifting BIPOC artists, while supporting libraries and their partner organizations to more deeply connect with communities of color in their service area.
- We held the first concert of the year for the Young Musicians Forum on Sunday, November 14, 2021, featuring pianist Vladimir Romyantsev.
- The Scotia project is proceeding well. We fully anticipate that we will have an open house as part of the Holiday on the Avenue annual event in Scotia on Sunday, December 5, 2021. We will then be closed for a period of weeks to complete the interior renovations, which include painting and the installation of a new circulation desk and furnishings.
- We have had some staff disruptions due to COVID and to quarantining of children of staff members, which do impact library operations, periodically.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY – No report.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE – No report.

BEQUEST COMMITTEE – No report.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Tina Chericoni Versaci, member of Finance Committee made a motion - Approval of SCPL Board of Trustees Expenditures. Motion passed unanimously.

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Cheryl Cufari, Chair of Planning Committee made a motion – Approval of Schenectady County Public Library Long Range Plan of Service 2020-2023/2021 Summary/Evaluation. Motion passed. The plan was included in trustee packets.
- William Levering thanked Cheryl Cufari. The report was the culmination of many meetings.

POLICY COMMITTEE – No report.

BRANCH COMMITTEE – No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – No report.

#### SEARCH COMMITTEE

- Next steps: proceeding with advertising broadly to attract a large and diverse pool of candidates.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

- December meeting is up in the air given the potential for additional business. Details are forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:52 P.M.