

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 16, 2012

Niskayuna Branch Library

Present: Andrew Kulmatiski, Esther M. Swanker, Marsha Mortimer, Cheryl Cufari, Simon Weinstein, Camille Siano Enders, Tina Chericoni Versaci, Edwin Reilly, Lisa McHugh, Anthony Gaddy

Absent and Excused: Rory Fluman, M. Joe Landry, Julie McDonnell, Sharon Jordan, Jean Wildgrube, Clifford Tepper

Friends Board: William Leitch

Guests: Karen Bradley, John Karl, Serena Butch (recorder)

#### MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2012 MEETING

The minutes were approved unanimously, with one abstention by Camille Siano Enders.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kulmatiski reported that work on the addition has been delayed until the steel beams can be painted with flame retardant paint. As a result of this, the donor reception and grand opening festivities are also delayed until a more firm date can be determined. On a more positive note, the bids for shelving have been awarded to an excellent company and will result in a \$25,000 savings.

Mr. Leitch asked how donors will be recognized in the new addition. Mr. Kulmatiski explained that major donors will have their names displayed in specific areas. For instance, *The Wright Family Children's Center*. There will be some recognition of all donors, but that has not been specifically determined.

The Rotterdam Branch is still without use of their meeting room, due to the car accident back in December. It is hoped that the work will be completed by summer to accommodate the busy program schedule.

Over 2,000 e-books are now available to patrons. Instructional classes are being held at Central and the three large branches. The Friends of SCPL have donated funds to purchase Kindles and Nooks for patron use. That program will now expand to Glensville, Niskayuna and Rotterdam branches with additional purchases of Kindle Fire's.

The Central Library recently got an upgraded wireless network, with 15 times more bandwidth. In early March, the CASSIE system of computer registration will be upgraded and the computer lab will receive all new computers.

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Mr. Leitch reports that the Friends are hosting a trip to Amherst, Massachusetts on Saturday, June 9. They will tour the Emily Dickenson Museum and the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, as well as have lunch at the Lord Jeffrey Inn. Tickets are \$70 for members and \$80 for non-members.

There will be a \$1.00 non-fiction book sale in the Central Library lobby on February 25-27. Large print books will be on sale at the Whitney Book Corner the same weekend.

Discount tickets to Memphis, a show at Proctors on Wednesday, April 18 are still available and can be obtained from Rita Moore at [rmooore@mvl.info](mailto:rmooore@mvl.info). The deadline is March 8.

The Friends annual dinner will be on Tuesday, April 10 at 5:00pm at SCCC. It is being coordinated by Simon Weinstein and Bill Ward. Speakers will be Mary Ann Warner and Serena Butch from the library.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gaddy reports that the Donor Reception Committee is working through questions about invitation style and quantity, size of architecture sketches and other matters related to the reception.

Tina Chericoni Versaci reports that she is still getting a plan in place for the committee working on the Bornt donation for the branches and hopes to proceed with a meeting with interested Trustees in the near future.

Marsha Mortimore passed out a handout detailing the Black History of the city and county of Schenectady, which she presented to the County Legislators in recognition of Black History Month. She would be interested in doing some related programming next year on this topic.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

John Karl pointed out that the minutes from the previous meeting did not reflect the fact that the Friends are donating \$50,000 for technology items in addition to the \$100,000 already earmarked for programs and staff development.

Linda Witkowski is stepping down as Coordinator of Books Sandwiched In. Six people are now doing the work she previously did.

The Whitney Book Corner is planning to celebrate its tenth anniversary. Over 30 volunteers will be recognized at the annual dinner. On Thursday, May 3, there will be an open house at 4:00, with prize drawings, refreshments and giveaways

The Friends annual picnic will be held on Friday, June 8. Let John know if you are willing to help out. Mr. Karl expressed concerns over the delays in construction and specifically the McChesney Room bathrooms. He hoped this issue could be addressed by management.

Karen Bradley urged the Trustees to hold off any donor reception until all the work in the new addition has been completed and donor recognition is prominently in place.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Niskayuna Branch.