

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 23, 2019
Central Library

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

ABSENT: Jennifer Barnes, Cheryl Cufari, Curtis Eatman, Randy Fine, Heather Gray, Marsha Mortimore

Carmel Patrick called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25 MEETING

The minutes were not approved. No quorum for tonight's meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The Mont Pleasant Ribbon Cutting on May 4 was well attended by dignitaries, donors and community members. Kudos to the staff for their wonderful job welcoming the community for its Open House. Thank you to trustees Cheryl Cufari, Heather Gray and Sharon Jordan for attending the ribbon cutting.
- Thank you and congratulations to the Friends for another successful Spring Book Sale.
- The unveiling of the Harriet Tubman and William Seward statue on May 17 was a wonderful community gathering. Thank you to Dr. Frank Wicks and his team for placing the Statue at the Honorable Karen B. Johnson Library. Thank you to trustees Sharon Jordan, Bill Levering and Marsha Mortimore for attending the unveiling, to Beth DeMidio and Serena Butch for assisting with set-up, and to Beth for welcoming guests.
- On May 17, Carmel Patrick attended a new "Access to Justice Leadership Committee" created by Judge Vito Caruso, representing the Schenectady County Public Library.
- Carmel Patrick attended the retirement party for Kathy Rooney on May 21. We look forward to working with the new County Manager, Rory Fluman.
- Carmel Patrick attended Finance Committee meetings on May 13 and 23 to begin discussing the Library's 2020 budget submissions. Please note that the trustees are asked to attend the June 13 Trustee Meeting when we will vote on the 2020 budget. This meeting replaces our June 27 meeting, which is cancelled.
- Congratulations to SCPL staff involved in the Library's STARS literacy program. The program was recognized at the May 23 Schenectady County Human Rights annual awards breakfast.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- We welcomed Beth DeMidio, our new Assistant Director of Library Operations on Monday, April 29.
- We received the 2019 MVLS Library Recognition Award for the Repair Café Program, at the MVLS annual dinner. The award came with a \$500 check, which goes to the Friends who supported this program. Thank you to our librarian Leah LaFera for all her hard work on this program.

- The Honorable Karen B. Johnson Central Library became a Literary Landmark for award-winning author and illustrator Arnold Lobel, who created the Frog and Toad series on Wednesday, May 22. Thank you to Tina Chericoni Versaci for being able to attend on behalf of the Trustees. Youth Services Coordinator Kaela Wallman and Youth Services Librarian Chinasa Seyse, who served on the ALA Caldecott Committee this year, did a great job coordinating this event with me, along with Doug Bixler's professional assistance. Thanks to the Board and the Friends for making this possible.
- The annual Staff and Volunteer Picnic, hosted by the Trustees and Friends, is Friday, June 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Park Pavilion. Thanks to Joe Landry for co-chairing this event with the Friends.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

- The Mont Pleasant Branch Library opening was a huge success with over 1,300 dignitaries and neighborhood families attending the event.
- Abatement in the old library took place the week of May 13 and demolition will proceed after all clearances have been given. After demolition, paving and landscaping should start by June 3. Completion of the entire project should be done by July 1 in time for summer programming.
- Second Floor – Most of the clean-up is finished. Planning for the second floor is continuing. Relocation planning of tech services has begun.
- Literacy Volunteers contract is in place for 2019.
- Capital Budget requests from the Building Committee are:
 - Renovation of the Woodlawn Branch Library – interior and exterior - \$75,000.
 - Niskayuna Branch Library parking lot to be reconfigured for Handicapped Accessibility including new sidewalks, curbs and paving - \$85,000.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Resolution 1 – Approval of SCPL Board of Trustees Expenditures was not approved due to lack of quorum.
- The next Finance/Budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4 at 8:30 a.m. Julie McDonnell has the 2020 Employee Salary Sheets. Discussion ensued regarding converting existing part-time titles to full-time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.