

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 28, 2013

Central Library

Present: Tina Chericoni Versaci, Cheryl H. Cufari, Randy Fine, Rory Fluman, Anthony M. Gaddy, Sharon Jordan, M. Joe Landry, William Levering, Julie B. McDonnell, Lisa McHugh, Edwin D. Reilly, Jr. Camille Siano Enders, Karen Bradley

Absent and Excused: Marsha Mortimore, Clifford M. Tepper

Friends Board: William Leitch

Guests: Serena Butch, John Karl, Robin Pelton, Gary Hughes

Cheryl Cufari called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Ms. Cufari announced that the library has two new board members. William Levering will replace Esther Swanker and Randy Fine will replace Simon Weinstein. Introductions were made and Mr. Levering and Mr. Fine were sworn in by Ms. Siano Enders.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24 MEETING

Ms. Cufari made one correction to the minutes of the January 24, 2013 meeting. Deborah Wyngowski will replace Jean Wildgrube on the MVLS board (not Marion Grimes). A motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2013 meeting with one correction was made by Sharon Jordan, seconded by Camille Siano Enders and approved unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

John Karl announced that the March/April Friends of the Library newsletter was just recently mailed. The Friends dinner will be held Tuesday, April 16.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cheryl Cufari reported. She attended a Friends Concert on February 17 with a performance by Malinda Myers, a former library trustee. She performed a musical tribute to the library expansion.

The One County One Book kickoff was Monday, February 25. The Art of Racing in the Rain was reviewed by Don Stake of Community Hospice.

Ms. Cufari asked Ms. Butch to report on the RFID demonstrations. Ms. Butch reported that two companies prepared full day RFID demonstrations; Biblioteca on February 12 and 3M on February 26. The two companies are very competitive. This is a very exciting venture for the library and conversations with the county on implementation of the system will be underway.

The next library board meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. in the McChesney Room at the central library. The presentation will go back to the Restructuring Group for the actual report writing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Karen Bradley reported. The major focus has been on restructuring, but the library has had several unpleasant incidents recently. She will be meeting with the county manager and the sheriff's department to discuss library security.

Ms. Bradley is preparing two annual reports; one report is submitted to the state and the other to the county manager.

The library's major initiative is literacy and will be focusing on that for the future. We're also looking to partner with outside groups.

An invoice of \$15,000 was received for the sixteen security cameras that were recently installed at the central library. The new cameras have the ability to record, get still shots and produce DVDs. A check for \$15,000 from a grant from Senator Farley's office was given to and deposited in the trustees' account. The invoice was given to the treasurer for payment.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Bill Leitch reported. The Friends annual dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 16 starting at 5:00 p.m. in the Van Curler Room at Schenectady County Community College. Those interested should get their reservations in early.

Other news:

- The Friends allocated \$2,000 towards the "Library Pass Program"
- The Friends had their annual audit by John Halstead, CPA
- The Whitney Book Corner grossed \$56,000 last year
- FOL Memberships – 923
- June 8 - Day trip to Quincy, MA
- Trip to France – completely booked

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy Committee - The advocacy group talked about ways to promote the library. Ms. Cufari feels that after the March 9 board meeting, there will be more of a focus on what to advocate for. Grant writing was discussed. There were many questions regarding the advocacy group and letter of intent for grant writing.

Branch Representative Committee – Lisa McHugh reported. Ms. McHugh handed out a briefing of the February 27 meeting and commented that it was a very positive meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Swanker Board Room.

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter was made at 7:26 p.m. by Julie McDonnell, seconded by Sharon Jordan.

A motion to end executive session and resume library board meeting was made at 7:53 p.m. by Anthony Gaddy, seconded by Sharon Jordan.

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A motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. was made by Anthony Gaddy, seconded by Edwin Reilly and approved unanimously.