

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The regular monthly meeting of the Schenectady County Public Library Trustees was held on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Swanker Boardroom at the Karen B. Johnson Central Library.

PRESENT: Madelyn Thorne, President; Carmel Patrick, Treasurer; Justin Chaires; Cheryl Cufari; Sharon Jordan; Steve McCutcheon; Jude McQueen; Bernice Rivera

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: David Fronk; Julie McDonnell; Brenda Schworm, Vice President; Angela Tatem, Secretary; Tina Chericoni Versaci

STAFF: Charity Thorne, Executive Director; Beth DeMidio, Director of Operations; Devon Hedges, Assistant Library Director; Jan Martin, Board Clerk

GUESTS: Michelle Ostrelch, Schenectady County Legislature, Vice-Chair, Education and Libraries; Shirley DeBono, First Vice-President, Friends of the Library

President Madelyn Thorne called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deborah Noyes, Parkwood Boulevard, Schenectady, New York

Charlene Shahin, Webster Drive, Schenectady, New York

Brad Warner, Stage Road, Charlton, New York

- Comments centered on questions around Schenectady County Public Library leaving JA and per capita expenditures.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Sharon Jordan, seconded by Justin Chaires. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2-Approval of NYS Annual Report

Moved by Carmel Patrick, seconded by Bernice Rivera. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Madelyn Thorne shared that trustees cannot attend library board of trustees meetings virtually as they have been, as it is in violation of the open meetings law.

At the February 29, 2024 board meeting, trustees voted 9 to 2 in favor of withdrawing from JA and the trustees stand behind the decision and will support the Executive Director through the transition.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Trustees reviewed the written report by Executive Director, Charity Thorne. Additionally: Monday, April 22 – Meeting with JA Transition Team was held. Details of meeting were shared.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Spring book sale will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 10-4 and Sunday, May 5 from 12-3. Volunteers are still needed.

The Friends Picnic will be held on Friday, June 7 from 5-7 at Central Park Pavilion.

BUILDING

Trustees reviewed the written report by Sharon Jordan. Additionally:

May 1, 2024 – Branch Annual Tour

New tree in front of the library- Paid for and installed by Metroplex. Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation will oversee the maintenance.

FINANCE

Included on expenditure sheet was approval for up to \$6,000 for privacy screens

Next Finance Meeting – Friday, May 10, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in Swanker Boardroom; 2025 budget discussion. All trustees are invited.

PLANNING – None

POLICY – None

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM REP – None

NEW BUSINESS

Steve McCutcheon reminded trustees that the 2023 Financial Disclosure Form is due back to the County Auditor's office by April 30, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Swanker Boardroom at the Karen B. Johnson Central Library.