

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 23, 2011

Rotterdam Branch Library

Present: Tina Chericoni Versaci, Cheryl H. Cufari, Rory Fluman Anthony M. Gaddy, M. Joe Landry, Julie B. McDonnell, Marsha Mortimore, Edwin D. Reilly Jr., Camille Siano Enders, Esther M. Swanker, Simon Weinstein, Jean Wildgrube, Andrew Kulmatiski

Absent and Excused: Lisa McHugh, Clifford M. Tepper, Sharon Jordan

Friends Board: William Leitch

Guests: Karen Johnson, Karen Bradley, Barry Findlay

MINUTES OF THE MAY 26 MEETING

The minutes of the May 26, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Ed Reilly, seconded by Anthony Gaddy with one abstention by Camille Siano Enders.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the June 14 Schenectady County Legislature meeting, the following appointments/reappointments to the Schenectady County Public Library Board were made:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Rory Fluman	12/31/12 (partial)	(Andrew Kohout)
Sharon Jordan	12/31/15	(Carl Erikson)
Simon Weinstein	12/31/11	
Julie McDonnell	12/31/12	
Edwin Reilly	12/31/13	
Clifford Tepper	12/31/14	
M. Joe Landry	12/31/14	

Esther Swanker introduced Rory Fluman and he was sworn in as a trustee of the Schenectady County Public Library. Sharon Jordan was not at tonight's meeting and will be sworn in at a later date.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Asbestos abatement has begun in the lobby and main entrance in front of circulation desk. One half of the lobby is closed at this time. The air quality is constantly being monitored while this work is being performed. The lobby and restrooms of the McChesney room will also have asbestos removal, and be put back in working order so those restrooms will be available while the public restrooms (inside the library) are being worked on. There are no public meetings scheduled in the McChesney Room until further notice.

The library expansion and renovation is scheduled to be finished at the end of March 2012.

Mr. Kulmatiski presented the state annual report at the May meeting. He asked for a motion to submit the report. There was a motion by Ed Reilly, seconded by Simon Weinstein and approved unanimously.

Randy Lucia, our full-time deputy sheriff has been replaced with part-time security guards. The guard schedule will include night and weekend hours. Their schedule is as follows:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The guards will start enforcing parking regulations. Parking is restricted to library patrons, library employees, union county employees and volunteers.

The volunteer picnic was held on Friday, June 17 and was a huge success. Mr. Kulmatiski asked the board to approve up to \$1,000 to pay for half of the picnic. There was a motion by Jean Wildgrube, seconded by Julie McDonnell and approved unanimously. The cost will be split between the Friends of the Library and Trustees.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Tina Chericoni Versaci reported. A check for \$705,895.82 from the Phyllis Bornt estate was received in early June. The check was deposited in the general fund. It is specifically noted in the will that these funds are for the improvements to the branches. The Schenectady Foundation fulfilled their pledge of \$100,000 to the Capital Campaign; funds were deposited in the Capital Campaign fund.

Mr. Kulmatiski reported that the branches and their representatives are aware of the Phyllis Bornt gift. The topic was addressed at the June 15 meeting. Mr. Weinstein asked if a committee will be started to discuss how funds will be spent. Mrs. Swanker asked if anyone would be interested in volunteering for this committee. The following trustees volunteered: Jean Wildgrube, Simon Weinstein, Anthony Gaddy, Joe Landry, Ed Reilly, Cheryl Cufari, Tina Chericoni Versaci, Marsha Mortimore.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Bill Leitch reported. There are openings for the fall trip to Hildene, the Lincoln Family Home in Manchester, Vermont. The trip is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2011. The cost is \$55 for Friends and \$65 for non-members. For more information e-mail Lisa Holt at lahnisky@yahoo.com.

Cheryl Cufari was one of the 34 people who attended the two-week trip to England sponsored by the Friends of the Library. John Goldsmith was the tour leader and the trip was enjoyed by everyone.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Swanker asked for a motion to postpone the by-laws until September. There was a motion by Joe Landry, seconded by Anthony Gaddy and approved with one abstention from Ed Reilly.

BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Jean Wildgrube reported. The branch representative meeting was held on Wednesday, June 15. The representatives are very enthusiastic and are very familiar with the needs of their branch.

Some issues discussed:

- Quaker Street – step at entrance is a hazard/needs ramp
- Scotia – porch repair
- Woodlawn – parking lot repair
- Rotterdam – landscape maintenance
- All branches – new computers/more hours
- All branches – asked for board minutes to be posted online/will be posted per Andrew Kulmatiski
- All branches – asked for online registration for programs/not available at this time per Karen Bradley

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Karen Bradley thanked the Friends for purchasing four Nooks. These Nooks have been downloaded with 17 hot reads and are available for circulation for a 2-week period; they cannot be renewed. A variety of books were downloaded in order to appeal to men, women, young adults and children.

Barry Findlay addressed the board. He is a resident of Schenectady County and a patron of the Schenectady County Public Library. Mr. Findlay has low vision and uses the library's low vision reading machine. He asked that reading machine be put in a sequestered place so it will be in good working order when he visits the library. He stated that the machine is often damaged because of misuse from the general public.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on
Thursday, September 22, 2011 at the
NISKAYUNA BRANCH LIBRARY