

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
July 26, 2018  
Central Library

PRESENT: Cheryl Cufari, Camille Siano Enders, Randy Fine, Sharon Jordan, M. Joe Landry, William Levering, Julie McDonnell, Marsha Mortimore, Carmel Patrick, Karen Bradley, Angela Strong, Janice Martin-recorder

ABSENT: Anthony Gaddy, Heather Gray, Cori Hoffman, Tina Chericoni Versaci

Carmel Patrick called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

Joe Landry administered the Oath of Office to Trustee Julie McDonnell. Julie has been re-appointed to the Schenectady County Public Library Board of Trustees for another five-year term.

#### MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2018 MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting was made by Marsha Mortimore, seconded by Sharon Jordan and approved with one abstention from Camille Siano Enders as she was not in attendance.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Carmel Patrick attended the Summer Reading Kickoff at Central on June 29, 2018. Congressman Paul Tonko presented children from the Schenectady Day Nursery with books that were donated by the Library of Congress. Thank you to Kaela Wallman for putting on a delightful program. Thanks also to Sharon Jordan for attending and baking cookies for the children.
- Representative Tonko presented Cathy O'Connor, Youth Services Librarian, with a proclamation honoring her retirement after 35 years of service at SCPL.
- Carmel Patrick attended the July Finance Committee meeting.
- Congratulations to Trustee Camille Siano Enders who is the newly elected President of the Duanesburg School Board. We regrettably had to accept Camille's resignation from the SCPL Board of Trustees, effective August 1, 2018. Thank you to Camille for her eight years of dedicated service to the Schenectady County Public Library, and especially the good work she accomplished as a member of the Library's Safety and Security Committee. The legislature is currently discussing nominations to fill our open seats.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Cathy's O'Connor's replacement, Julie Dahlie, started her new position as Youth Services Librarian on July 11, 2018.
- The library's fourth Electric City Comic Con was held on Saturday, July 14, 2018 with over 1,500 attending the event. It was a great team effort, chaired by librarian Leah LaFera.
- The library's annual summer reading program is well underway with a wide variety of programming throughout the county.
- The second Repair Café was held on Saturday, July 21, 2018, with 65 patrons who brought items to be repaired.

- We have been notified by Senator George Amedore that the Quaker Street and Rotterdam Branch Libraries are going to receive \$5,000 in bullet aid each, and Senator Jim Tedisco informed us that we are receiving \$5,000 in bullet aid.
- The Board received a \$500 donation from SEFCU that a patron designated us as a recipient and a \$50 donation.
- The Central Library is a site for the SICM summer lunch program once again.
- Karen Bradley was invited to a breakfast with the new Union College President, Dr. David Harris, on Friday, July 13, 2018, along with several other community leaders.
- We just received word that the grant submitted by Kaela Wallman to the American Library Association Public Programs Office for Great Stories Club, with the theme “What Make a Hero? Self, Society and Rising to the Occasion,” has been awarded to us. We will be partnering with the Schenectady City School District and the Boys Day Out group for this literacy/discussion project. The grant will pay for staff to travel to Chicago for the What Makes a Hero Training Workshop on November 15 and 16, 2018. The grant will provide copies of books for the boys participating in the reading and discussion program, which will be held at the Mont Pleasant Middle School Library.

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

- Repair Café was held on Saturday, July 21, 2018. The next Repair Café will be in October.
- One County, One Book is well underway. The committee of readers are whittling down the selection to four books, which will then be presented to the public.
- We are facing more challenges engaging companies willing to pick up and recycle the unsold books from our outdoor book sales. The company we were able to contract with for the fall sale will not pick up until Monday. They will ship a supply of pallets and flattened gaylords. After the sale, we will assemble the gaylords and fill with books. These will stay on library property until Monday morning.

#### FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

Joe Landry asked for a motion to approve the following resolutions:

- Resolution 1 - 2017-2018 Adult Literacy Grant to Support English as a Second Language. A motion was made to approve by Camille Siano Enders, seconded by Cheryl Cufari and approved unanimously.
- Resolution 2 – Submission of Grant Application to MVLS for a New York State Public Library Construction Grant. A motion was made to approve by Sharon Jordan, seconded by Marsha Mortimore and approved unanimously.
- Resolution 3 – Approval of SCPL Board of Trustees Expenditures. A motion was made to approve by Julie McDonnell, seconded by William Levering and approved unanimously.

#### BRANCH COMMITTEE

- Angela Strong reported that the next meeting would be held in September.

#### BUILDING COMMITTEE

- Excavation on the new Mont Pleasant Branch Library will begin the week of July 23, 2018. There have been four construction meetings and progress is being made. At this time, completion of construction will be done by January 2019.
- Most of the clean-up on the second floor is finished. Relocation planning of technical services has begun. Layout concept and initial facilities support requirements were reviewed at the

Building Committee meeting in February 2018 and we are asking for A&E from the County for the technical services and other potential uses.

- Literacy Volunteers will be staying in their space for 2018. The contract is being reviewed by the County Attorney for approval.

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Cheryl Cufari reported that the committee will meet in September.

#### SECURITY COMMITTEE

- Camille Siano Enders reported that the committee has not met recently.
- She highlighted the many accomplishments that the Security Committee has made over the past several years:
  - Key fob system
  - Roving sheriff for city branches
  - Tightened up Incident Reporting and patron banning process and re-entry
  - Additional security cameras at Central and branches

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Cheryl Cufari reported that One County, One Book revealing will be held on September 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the McChesney Room at the Central Library.
- Karen Bradley met sculptor, Dexter Benedict. Mr. Benedict is working on a sculpture of William Seward and Harriet Tubman. The Tubman-Seward statue will be housed at the Schenectady County Public Library and should be completed by May 2019.
- Julie McDonnell reported that Ed Reilly has been admitted to the Glendale Nursing Home for rehabilitation. She will keep us updated.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- William Levering reported that his friend, Betsy Aswad, a literary figure, passed away in recent days.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on a motion by Marsha Mortimore, seconded by Sharon Jordan and approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Swanker Boardroom at the Central Library.