

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library**  
**January 10, 2022**  
**Scarsdale Public Library**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library was held via Zoom on January 10, 2022.

The following participants were in attendance: Felicia Block, President; Gary Katz, VP; Laura Liu, Financial Officer; Robert Jeremiah, Secretary; Pedro Ladislau, Trustee; Margot Milberg, Trustee; Jordan Copeland, Trustee; Etkah Sahni, Trustee; Beth Bermel, Library Director; Catherine Callegari, Assistant Director of Patron Services; Justin Arest, Village Trustee Liaison; Mona Longman, FoSL. Terry Singer, a member of the public, was also present to participate in the landscape plan discussion.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of the December 13, 2021 Meeting:** A motion was made by Jordan Copeland, and seconded by Margot Milberg, to approve the December meeting minutes with one edit.

**Friends of the Scarsdale Library (FoSL) Report:** Mona Longman reported that they are in the midst of end of year fundraising. Their first mailing was sent on December 3 and donations continue to come in January. Mona read some of the positive notes from the community that came with the donations. The Friends are starting their planning for their spring event. The next Friends meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup> when they will comment on the landscape design.

**Director's Report:** Beth had no other additions to her report. Pedro asked about the room usage and cleaning of the spaces. Catherine mentioned that the computer spaces and study spaces are challenges with regards to mask wearing. Masks are required in the study rooms. Going forward, study room reservations will end immediately for patrons not wearing masks. Felicia mentioned the positive visit with Senator Ryan. Felicia asked about the squirrel damage - and that process is still to be determined. The art display wall is installed and looks great - with special thanks to Margot Milberg and Terry Singer for all of their work. Laura asked about the Black History Month display. The Library was approached by the Historical Society to create that display. Jordan commented that the utilization of the historical room space is a work in progress.

**President's Report:** Felicia wanted to note that she did a walkthrough with Dara Gruenberg and Terry Singer to check punch-list items and to set that work in motion. Felicia announced the Nominating Committee which will be Felicia, Margot and Gary. Felicia and Margot will be leaving the Board, and Gary will assume the role of President - as indicated in the Board by-laws. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers to us in March.

**Landscape Master Plan Committee:** We had a thoughtful discussion about the Landscape Master Plan. Margot and Jordan added comments to a master document with comments from other stakeholders.

**Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget—discussion:** Beth explained the new budget process. Since there have been changes to some of the lines, Beth offered Zoom meetings to the trustees to review the budget individually. The Board scheduled a special meeting for January 24<sup>th</sup> for a vote on the budget.

**Felicia Block adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.**