

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library
April 8, 2019
Wayside Cottage

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library was held at 7:30 pm on March 11, 2019 at Wayside Cottage. The following participants were in attendance: Diane Greenwald, President; Elyse Klayman, Vice President; Margot Milberg, Treasurer; Felicia Block, Secretary; Deb Morel, Trustee; Alan Bey, Trustee; Gary Katz, Trustee; Beth Bermel, Library Director; Mona Longman, FOSL; Jane Veron, Village Trustee. Karen Zielinski, Children's Services Manager, attended for a class assignment.

Upon a motion by Margot Milberg, seconded by Alan Bey, Executive Session was entered at 7:06 pm to discuss CSEA contract negotiations.

Executive Session concluded at 7:59 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: There were several minor edits to the minutes. Upon a motion by Deb Morel, seconded by Margot Milberg, the minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Director's Report: The new circulation system that was implemented by WLS is having some difficulties, but they are working to resolve these issues.

Beth attended a course at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. A report on the program is forthcoming but it was a great experience and she is looking forward to sharing all that was learned.

Diane noted that in the past, Beth was asked to include the professional development experiences of the staff. This month, the Director's report was packed and rich with such moments. The Board is thrilled to see this. It was noted that these moments are reflective of the Scarsdale Teachers Institute and we are glad to know that this learning will be passed along to others on the team. Members of the Board suggested we may want to write the letter to the community about the professional development experiences that the team has had and note how these will impact programming in the future.

It was also noted that the number of Library programming opportunities offered recently, 19 in total, is amazing with a limited space.

The Scarsdale Inquirer continues to be digitized. It was noted there are some rights for journalists after 1970s. There is an upcoming workshop on copyright law and within the law, the Scarsdale Library staff would like to do as much as we can to make this resource accessible.

President's Report: The new Mayor of Scarsdale, Marc Samwick, and Trustees Jonathan Lewis, Seth Ross, Rochelle Waldman were recently installed. Diane Greenwald is scheduling a meeting with Marc Samwick to update him on library-related matters.

As of the Village Board meeting on April 10, 2019, there will be two new Library board members to add to our team, Laura Liu and Svati Shashank.

Diane is working with the FOSL to get the next Bookmarks to print by late April for delivery in the first week of May. The cover will focus on the gala along with many images from the event inside. Images of the new

website will be included. There will also be a section about the new slate of the Library Board. There will also be a note about a FOSL table at the Golden Horseshoe during their sidewalk sale as well as a project update. There will also be suggestions of where our community can donate books, as well as what Scarsdale is reading now. Finally, we will include the alphabetical listing of all donors to the Capital Campaign.

Friends of the Scarsdale Library Report: Mona Longman noted the FOSL Board had a great meeting last week and the shift of FOSL is moving to small community fundraising events, beginning this summer. One is read-a-thon to get kids sponsored for pages they are reading, which will be in August. Movie night is indefinitely postponed. Last year the fields were soaked and the FOSL we were getting the feeling from the community it wouldn't be well attended in June, so it will get pushed to 2021. As noted in the President's Report, FOSL will take a table at the Golden Horseshoe sidewalk sale June 15-17. The plan is to use some of the items from Casino Night and encourage people to become Friends, with the ability to join at varied levels. The FOSL is planning to bring the Spelling Bee back for February of 2020 as well as a crossword puzzle event with Will Shortz when we reopen.

Building Committee: Beth sent a report ahead of the meeting to keep the Board and Building Committee informed. Construction Manager Nancy Barbera is preparing updates after the bi-weekly project meetings to circulate. Beth Bermel, Diane Greenwald and Terry Singer will be looking at the furniture quotes that were recently received. Felicia Block asked about product for shelving that was looked at in Queens and was told that they were not impressed by the product Diane noted that Marc Samwick is no longer on the Building Committee as he assumes his new role as Mayor.

Capital Campaign: There were no additional reports at this time, with the exception of a number of pavers being purchased. Beth Bermel was also presented a paver as a gift from the community.

Communications Committee: Elyse Klayman reported that the website is almost done. The website designer is away this week, but they will set a date to launch when he is back.

Strategic Plan Committee: The team identified six (6) companies to ask for proposals. To date, four (4) have sent the committee proposals and one withdrew. We are giving the 6th consultant additional time to reply, as they were identified later than the others. The committee will meet the week after the spring holidays. They are in the process of creating a grid to compare the proposals and then will discuss the options.

2019-2020 Goals: The team reviewed the goals for next year. The group clarified what would be a goal vs. to do items for the year and clarified a few line items. The final version will be circulated by Elyse Klayman to the Board.

Additional items: Jane Veron noted that the areas around the park outside of the Library can potentially be a place for the library to collaborate with Friends of the Parks. The Board noted that this is a possibility.

Upon a motion by Deb Morel, seconded by Elyse Klayman, Executive Session was entered at 9:34 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

Executive Session concluded at 9:53 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Felicia Block, Board Secretary