

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library (SPL)
October 3, 2022
Meeting Room North/South**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library was held on October 3, 2022.

The following participants were in attendance: Gary Katz, President; Laura Liu, Vice-President; Pedro Ladislau, Secretary; Scott Gerwin, Trustee; Diksha Mudbhary, Trustee; Betty Pforzheimer, Trustee; Stephanie Wechsler, Trustee; Beth Bermel, Library Director; Catherine Callegari, Assistant Director of Patron Services.

Members of the public: Robin Stettensch

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of the September 12th, 2022 meeting: A motion was made by Betty, and seconded by Robert, to approve the minutes of the prior regular meeting. The motion was approved.

Director's Report: Beth mentioned that in addition to the topics on her report she had to add that the plexiglas walls were finally removed, marking a final "back-to-normal" activity of the library. In addition, Beth referred that Library team has worked with a wildlife rescue to address a hurt heron that was found in the near the library and could not fly.

Gary asked Beth and Catherine about the level of participation of senior citizens in the library's activities. Beth responded that the participation has been very robust and increased in recent months. Catherine added that the senior week programing is coming soon and includes activities like aging well workshops and exercises in the Scott room.

Stephanie complimented the library's staff initiative regarding the banned books display inside the children's section.

Betty said that the library's current art exhibition is great and was seconded by Diksha mentioning that the art exhibits play an important role in driving walk-ins. Catherine added that the library has been getting very positive feedback from artists and that the current exhibition is going to continue for one more month.

President's Report: Gary reminded the Board Members that they should complete the Conflict of Interest form and read the code of ethics document shared by the Village.

Gary also noted that he would be asking 3 Board Members to be part of the nominating committee to nominate officers for the 2023.

Gary mentioned that a signage committee presentation on the work being performed is planned for the November meeting. Catherine and Betty confirmed that they are impressed with the contribution from the vendor and expect the final output to be simple, attractive and with clean lines.

Comments from the public: Robin Stettensch addressed the Board regarding the latest public statement issued by the Board.

At 7:48pm, a motion was made by Diksha and seconded by Betty to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. At 8:14pm, a motion was made by Stephanie and seconded by Laura to exit Executive Session.

Without further discussion, Gary adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.