

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library (SPL)
January 13, 2025
Scott Room

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library was held on January 13, 2025.

The following participants were in attendance: Jordan Copeland, President; Robert Jeremiah, Vice President; Diksha Mudbhary, Finance Officer; Scott Gerwin, Secretary; Erika Rublin, Trustee; Stephanie Wechsler, Trustee; Jennifer Fischman, Trustee; Pedro Ladislau, Trustee; Betty Pforzheimer, Trustee; Beth Bermel, Library Director; Catherine Callegari, Assistant Director; Mona Longman, Friends of the Scarsdale Library.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes from December 9, 2024: Robert moved to approve the minutes from the December 9th, 2024 meeting of the Library Board. Betty seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with none opposed.

2. Report from Friends of Scarsdale Library: Mona Longman gave a brief update on behalf of the Friends of the Scarsdale Library, noting that the Friends continue to receive donations from the Friends' year end fundraising drive. Mona added that Nancy Kaplan's and Stacey Mayer's term as Co-Presidents is up in March, and Toby Milstein Schulman and Daniela Retelny will be the new Co-Presidents. The Friends have a meeting scheduled at the end of January to discuss future fundraising strategy.

3. Acceptance of Gift: Jennifer made a motion to accept a monetary gift of \$141,979.61 from the Friends of the Scarsdale Library in support of the Landscape Master Plan. Erika seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with none opposed.

4. Director's Report: Beth gave her director's report sharing that the Library has filled the open positions of Circulation/Access Services Manager and Support Services Managers, and the new hires have now started. Catherine, Beth and Roberta have been busy training them. Beth also gave an update on the search for a vendor to operate the Library's cafe space, noting that three potential vendors have been identified, and interviews are planned for next week. Following the interviews, the interview committee will recommend a vendor to the Library Board for approval and recommendation to the Village Board at the next Board meeting.

5. President's Report: Jordan gave a President's report, noting that he has selected himself, Betty, and Erika to be the nominating committee, and he expects the committee to recommend a slate of officers to the Board at the March board meeting. Because Jordan will be the only trustee whose term is ending this year, there will be one open board seat for next year. Jordan requested that trustees invite any known potential candidates to apply to fill the open seat.

6. Landscape Committee Update: Beth gave a brief update on behalf of the Landscape Committee, noting that the Committee met last week and received partial cost estimates for the different pavilion designs, which were helpful, and decided to pause any decisions until receiving cost estimates of the different potential materials. The architect's final presentation was originally scheduled for this week but now has been postponed to the week of Feb 12th.

7. **FY 2025-26 Library Budget:** Diksha made a motion to approve the draft FY 2025-26 Library budget for presentation to the Village Board. Pedro seconded the motion, and it was approved with none opposed. The Village Board will meet on Jan. 14th. for their first pass through the budget.

8. **Public Comment:** There were no comments from members of the public.

9. **Executive Session:** Jennifer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a disciplinary issue concerning a Library employee. Betty seconded the motion, and it was approved with none opposed. The Board entered executive session at 7:56. At 8:04, Stephanie made a motion to end the executive session. Diksha seconded this motion, and it was approved with none opposed.

Jordan adjourned the Board meeting at 8:04.