

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library (SPL)
October 7, 2024
Scott Room

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library was held on October 7, 2024.

The following participants were in attendance: Jordan Copeland, President; Robert Jeremiah, Vice President; Diksha Mudbhary, Finance Officer; Scott Gerwin, Secretary; Betty Pforzheimer, Trustee; Erika Rublin, Trustee; Beth Bermel, Library Director; Dara Gruenberg and Stacey Mayer, Friends of the Scarsdale Library

Absent: Stephanie Wechsler, Trustee; Pedro Ladislau, Trustee; Jennifer Fischman, Trustee.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm.

1. **Approval of the minutes from September 9, 2024:** Erika moved to approve the minutes from the September 9th meeting of the Library Board. Diksha seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with none opposed.
2. **Landscape Committee:** Beth gave an update on behalf of the Landscape Committee, reporting on work done by the committee to find areas of potential cost savings, which included using the Village DPW to do some work, removing or postponing improvements to the area between Post Rd. and the library parking lot, using concrete slab instead of pavers in some areas, and use of chain link fence instead of wood fencing in some areas. Beth noted that even with these cost savings, there are insufficient funds to cover the full scope of the project, so the Library intends to work with the Friends to do additional fundraising.
3. **Approval of Landscape Project Schematic Design:** After extensive discussion, and with all questions answered to the Board's satisfaction, Robert made a motion to approve the Landscape Project schematic design. Betty seconded the motion and the motion was approved with none opposed.
4. **Report from Friends of Scarsdale Library:** Stacey gave a brief update on behalf of the Friends reminding the Board of the Friends' upcoming Gala fundraiser at Beach Point on October 17th.
5. **Director's Report:** Beth gave her director's report, sharing that library 2025-26 proposed budget is due to the Village Treasurer on Dec, 13th, and the Library Board will vote to approve it at the meeting on December 9th. Beth expects to receive feedback from the Village between Dec 13th and 20th, and the Board will vote on the final budget to present to the Village Trustees at the Board's January meeting, with the presentation of the budget to Village Trustees scheduled for later in January. Beth also shared that the Apiary is closing on October 20th and an RFP for a new vendor is expected to go out this week. The RFP seeks proposals for both the Library cafe space and the vacant building behind the Scarsdale train station, but bidders can bid separately on each space.
6. **President's Report:** Jordan gave a brief president's report, applauding the progress of the Policy Committee.
7. **Motion Regarding Children's Endowment:** Robert made a motion to transfer 10% of the principal of the Children's Room Endowment to the Library Landscape Project Capital Account. Diksha seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with none opposed.
8. **Policy Committee:** Beth gave an update on behalf of the policy committee, reporting on changes that the committee proposes to the Library's Statement of Concern About Library Resources Policy and a proposed new

Program and Material Display Policy to replace the existing policy governing requests to remove items from the Library's collection. Beth also noted that the committee is working on updates to the Library's Code of Conduct, but will delay the vote on that policy to give the committee time to ensure that any limits imposed on photography and recording are compliant with law.

Erika made a motion to approve the replacement of the existing policy on request to remove items from the Library's collection with the new Program and Material Display Policy and to approve the proposed changes to the Statement of Concern About Library Resources Policy. Robert seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with none opposed.

Jordan adjourned the Board meeting at 8:28