

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library (SPL)
July 15, 2024
Scott Room

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library was held on July 15, 2024.

The following participants were in attendance: Jordan Copeland, President; Robert Jeremiah, Vice President; Scott Gerwin, Secretary; Pedro Ladislau, Trustee; Stephanie Wechsler, Trustee; Betty Pforzheimer, Trustee; Erika Rublin, Trustee; Beth Bermel, Library Director; Catherine Callegari, Assistant Director; Mona Longman, Friends of the Scarsdale Library; Sameer Ahuja, Village Board Liaison.

Absent: Diksha Mudbhary, Finance Officer; Jennifer Fischman, Trustee.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.

1. **Approval of the minutes from June 10, 2024:** Betty moved to approve the minutes from the June 10th meeting of the Library Board. Robert seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with Stephanie abstaining and none opposed.

2. **Gift Resolution.** Stephanie made a motion to accept a gift in the amount of \$625,000 from the Friends of the Scarsdale Library in support of the Library's Landscape Master Plan. Scott seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously

3. **Friends of the Scarsdale Library Report:** Mona Longman gave a report on behalf of the Friends of the Scarsdale Library, reporting that money raised by the Friends in support of the Landscape Master Plan had been invested in treasury bills and the Friends were pleased with the return on that investment. That money has now been gifted to the Library. The Friends are in the midst of an accounting review. The Friends are planning their next fundraising event for October 17th. Mona also noted that the paver fundraising program had a surge in June, and will be ending soon.

3. **Director's Report:** Beth gave her director's report, sharing that the Library has worked with the signage consultants to create noise level signage to indicate the permissible noise level in different areas of the library, in response to confusion among patrons regarding whether conversation was permissible in certain areas. Beth also noted that, while historically the summer months have been slower months for the Library, this year Library usage is through the roof, pointing to several days in which over 1000 people visited the library. Catherine noted the ramp up in increased usage of the maker space, and raised the possibility in the future of hiring a full time staff member for the maker space.

4. **Landscape Project Committee Update:** Beth gave an update on behalf of the Landscape Project Committee, reporting that the committee conducted a walk through with the landscape architect, staking out the pavilion and performance patio footprints to help visualize the finished product. The landscape architect will have the final schematic design ready this week and will present it to the Board and the Landscape Committee on Wednesday June 17th.

5. **Bylaws and governance committee update:** Beth gave an update that she is working on the Library's fiscal controls policy and emergency response policy, which are prerequisites to finalizing a draft of an agreement with the Village.

Jordan adjourned the Board meeting at 7:52.