

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library (SPL)
November 13, 2023
Scott Meeting Room

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library was held on November 13, 2023 in the Scott Meeting Room.

The following participants were in attendance: Laura Liu, President; Robert Jeremiah, Financial Officer; Diksha Mudbhary, Secretary; Stephanie Wechsler, Trustee; Betty Pforzheimer, Trustee; Jennifer Fischman, Trustee; Scott Gerwin, Trustee; Catherine Callegari, Assistant Director; Michelle Lichtenberg, Friends of the Scarsdale Library; Margot Milberg, Landscape Committee; Terry Singer, Landscape Committee.

Absent: Pedro Ladislau, Trustee; Jordan Copeland, Vice-President; Sameer Ahuja, Village Trustee Liaison; Beth Bermel, Library Director.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

- 1. Approval of minutes from October 11, 2023 meeting:** A motion was made by Betty, and seconded by Robert, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023 meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- 2. Friends of the Scarsdale Library Report/Capital Campaign Committee:** Michelle Lichtenberg reported that personal outreach and mailings are taking place for the capital campaign. The readathon is taking place in December for elementary and middle school age students. The organization of the Spelling Bee has been moving forward, and planned for March 1.
- 3. Director's Report:** There is no additional update beyond the Director's Report. Diksha asked about MakerSpace enrollment and Catherine clarified that the afternoon session was being opened to a wider audience. Laura asked about Teen Programming opportunities with a new Teen Librarian on board.
- 4. President's Report:** Library in the Park campaign is progressing smoothly, and on track to achieve their fundraising goal. Board Finance Committee and Beth to meet with WLS Director and CFO to present guidelines and best practices around Fund Balance. Library budget preparation has started. It will come to the Library Board in the December meeting and presented to the Village in January. Laura shared some of the highlights of programming she's observed and commended everyone involved for their contributions.
- 5. Landscape Committee:** Proposal by Jennifer for Approval of proposal for landscape architectural , site engineering and planning services, and Robert seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Robert proposed Approval of contract for architectural services, and Betty seconded. Unanimously approved.
- 6. Signage Committee:** More signage has been put up since last month. There are some signs that remain pending, including exterior signage. Art work to accompany signage for the Children's Room is being finalized and should be up within the next month.
- 7. Policy Committee:** Social media and material selection and exhibit policies are still under review by the First Amendment attorney.
- 8. Bylaws Committee:** No updates. The Bylaws Committee plans to meet soon and work on proposed changes to bring to the full Board for approval.

9. Acceptance of gift from the FoSL in support of the Landscape Master Plan: Motion by Stephanie to accept gift and seconded by Betty. Unanimously approved.

10. Ratification of stipulation of agreement regarding adding “Maintenance Mechanic” to collective bargaining agreement: Motion by Jennifer and seconded by Scott. Unanimously approved.

9. Comments from the public: There was no comment from the public.

Laura adjourned the Board meeting at 8:11 pm.

Submitted by Diksha Mudbhary