

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library (SPL)

May 8, 2023

## Meeting Room South

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library was held on May 8, 2023 in Meeting Room South

The following participants were in attendance: Laura Liu, President; Jordan Copeland, Vice-President; Robert Jeremiah, Financial Officer; Betty Pforzheimer, Trustee, Scott Gerwin, Trustee; Stephanie Wechsler, Trustee; Beth Bermel, Library Director; Mona Longman, Friends of the Scarsdale Library; Sameer Ahuja, Village Trustee Liaison. Absent: Trustee Pedro Ladislau; Trustee Diksha Mudbhary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

- 1. Approval of minutes from April 10, 2023 meeting:** A motion was made by Betty, and seconded by Jordan, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting with one edit. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 2. Friends of the Scarsdale Library Report:** The FOSL is looking forward to the June 7, 2023 event. They are planning another event for September 2023 with a target audience of younger families. There is also a discussion of the possibility of bringing the Spelling Bee back with a potential date of next winter. The campaign is going well and it may extend to the public phase soon.
- 3. Director's Report:** There is no additional information for the Director's Report. Stephanie thanked Catherine for separating her report into sections. Stephanie commented that the sections give context to better understand her various roles. Stephanie also commented positively on the statistics showing year over year jump in programs and users. Laura appreciated the post using AI to generate a poem as it shows our tech savvy staff using new tools. Beth thanked the FOSL for the generous staff luncheon.
- 4. President's Report:** Laura mentioned two committees: the ByLaws Committee and the Policy Committee. She thanked Jordan for chairing the ByLaws Committee with help from Laura and Stephanie. Laura requested that Board members reach out to her if there is a desire to join this committee. Beth will Chair the Policy Committee with Scott as a representative from the Board. Laura also requested that Board members reach out to her if there is a desire to join this Committee. Lastly, Laura welcomed Sameer as our new Village Board Liaison.
- 5. Landscape Master Plan Committee/Capital Campaign Committee:** Jordan reminded us of the update from the last meeting regarding the proposals received to date. He mentioned the process continues with no new updates at this time.
- 6. Signage Committee:** The Purchase Order and other needed documentation are in progress to get the fabrication work started.
- 7. 2023-2024 Goals:** Laura guided us through the goals document. She talked about the new structure that is tied to the annual performance evaluation of Beth. She described the rationale for the categories, and there was some discussion about the items. With slight adjustments to the language of sections 1B and 2A, a motion was made by Stephanie, with a second by Jordan, to approve the 2023-2024 Goals. The Goals were unanimously approved.

**8. Comments from the public:** There were no comments from the public.

**9. Executive Session - discussion on union contract negotiations**

A motion to enter Executive Session to discuss union contract negotiations and seek advice of counsel was made by Betty, and seconded by Jordan, at 7:57 pm.

At 9:23 pm a motion was made by Stephanie, and seconded by Jordan, to exit Executive Session.

At 9:24 the meeting ended.

Submitted by Robert Jeremiah