

Called to order: By Secretary Lisa Clark at 4:34. Present: Lisa Clark, Rich Arnold, Rebecca Kemp, Lily Barrish, Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Rosemary Berson and Lois Berkowitz.

Approval of Agenda: Amendment to move to reorganization of Board of Trustees then continue agenda. Motion by Rich, seconded by Rebecca. Motion carried. (4 yea, 0 nay).

Reorganization of Board of Trustees:

Appointment of Trustees to Vacant Seats: Executive session requested prior to appointments. Motion by Rich, seconded by Lily. Motion carried. (4yea, 0 nay). Session started at 4:38 motion to end by Lily, seconded by Rich. Motion carried. (4 yea, 0 nay) and session ended at 4:44.

Appointment of Trustees: Motion to appoint Lois Berkowitz and Rosemary Berson. Motion by Rebecca, seconded by Rich. Motion carried. (4 yea, 0 nay). Following this vote Rebecca left the remainder of the meeting due to illness at 4:50.

Election of Officers: Motion to elect the following officers for 2024- President Lisa Clark, Vice President Richard Arnold, and Secretary Lois Berkowitz. Motion by Lily, seconded by Rosemary. Motion carried. (5 yea, 0 nay). Status of Finance Officer deferred until next meeting.

Two Additional CHB bank account signers: Lily Barrish and Rosemary Berson accepted.

Approval of Minutes December 21, 2023: Discussed need to amend previous minutes then motion to approve minutes by Rich, seconded by Lily. Motion carried. (5 yea, 0 nay). Note: Minutes amended on 1/26/2023.

Correspondence: Two donations discussed and a thank-you note received.

Public Comment: None.

Voucher Approval: Motion to approve by Lisa, seconded by Rich. Motion carried. (5 yea, 0 nay).

Approval of Financials: Motion by Rich, seconded by Lily. Motion carried. (5 yea, 0 nay).

Bills to be Paid: Executive session requested at 5:00. Motion by Rich, seconded by Lily. Motion carried. (5 yea, 0 nay). Motion to end session by Lily at 5:05, seconded by Rich. Motion carried. (5 yea, 0 nay). Then motion for bills to be paid by Rich, seconded by Lily. Motion carried. (5 yea, 0 nay).

Reports/Committees:

Programming: Motion to accept Exhibit Policy. Motion by Lily, seconded by Rich. Motion carried. (5 yea, 0 nay).

Policy/ Building and Grounds/Personnel: Did not meet this month.

Youth Services: Report submitted by Mariana Sprouse.

IT: Report submitted by Leo Torres.

Monthly Statistics: Report submitted.

Friends of the Library: Was attended by Rich Arnold on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Minutes from their meeting were discussed. \$ 14, 414.73 in the treasury and a \$5,000 grant from Jeff bank to be added soon.

Director's Report: Items discussed. Two new bank signers have volunteered.

Board Re-Organization:

Appointment of Attorney: To appoint Marvin Newberg motion by Rich, seconded by Rosemary. Motion carried. (5 yea, 0 nay).

Appointment of Auditor: To appoint Cooper& Arias motion by Rich, seconded by Rosemary. Motion carried. (5 yea,0 nay).

Designation of Official Newspaper: Designated Sullivan County Democrat with motion by Lily, seconded by Rich. Motion carried. (6 yea, 0 nay).

Designation of Monthly meeting Schedule: Discussed temporary meeting times of fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:30.

Committee Appointments: Deferred until next meeting.

Voucher Schedule & Friends of the Library Meeting Schedule: Draft posted to the portal.

Unfinished Business:

Motion to Approve Additional Proposed 2023 Budget Adjustments: Tabled.

Schedule Current Board Member Photo: Date to be determined at another meeting.

New Business:

Poet Laureate Outdoor Poetry Plaque: Motion by Rich, seconded by Lily. Motion carried. (5 yea, 0 nay)

Copies of Oath of Office for Newly Appointed / Elected Trustees: Needs to be completed within 30 days and copies given to Mary Paige.

Library Advocacy Day: To be held in Albany on Wednesday, 2/7/24. Register with agenda or contact RCLS or Mary Paige for more details.

Proposed date for the 2025 Budget Vote & Trustee Election: Motion to have it on Wednesday October 9,2024- 3-8 PM by Rosemary, seconded by Rich. Motion carried. (5 yea, 0 nay).

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:50. Motion by Rich, seconded by Rosemary. Motion carried. (5 yea, 0 nay).

Next monthly meeting: February 27, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

February Reminders: Friends of the Library meeting: 2/13/24 Rebecca Kemp

Vouchers: Richard Arnold

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Clark 1/26/2024