



Minutes of the Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting August 16, 2022

The Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on August 16, 2022. Present were President Charles “Ren” Reed, Vice President Merry Dunn-Brown, Library Director Valerie Acklin, Treasurer Michael Frank, Secretary Christian W. Rohrs, Christine Pesses, Susan Shrader, Richard Carlson, Gregory Niforos, and Caren Pepper.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Mr. Reed asked if there was any public comment. Hearing none, Mr. Reed asked for a motion to accept the minutes for the 2022 Organizational meeting. Mrs. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Mr. Niforos. Mr. Reed asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Shrader noted that her last name was misspelled on the Board minutes letterhead. The Board approved to accept the minutes with a vote of “aye.” Mr. Reed asked for a motion to accept the July 2022 Board meeting. Mr. Carlson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunn-Brown. Mr. Reed asked if there was any discussion. Ms. Dunn-Brown noted that Mr. Rohrs neglected to include Mrs. Patti Hoyer in her Outreach Committee report. Additionally, Mrs. Shrader noted a grammatical typo in the minutes. Mr. Reed asked if there was any further discussion. The Board approved the July meeting minutes with a vote of “aye.”

Mr. Frank delivered the Treasurer’s Report. After much discussion, Mr. Reed asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Mrs. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pepper. The Board approved the motion with a vote of “aye.”

Mr. Niforos reported on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee. Mr. Niforos reported upon school district tax levy comparisons between districts. Based on his research, Mr. Niforos projects the GPL tax levy for the 2023-2024 budget will be approximately \$.70 per \$1,000 property value assessment.

Mr. Frank noted there was no report on behalf of the Foundation and that the committee had not met.

Mr. Reed delivered the Friends of the Library report on Mrs. La Porta’s behalf. Among the items discussed were the annual basket raffle, Friends memberships, and meeting times. Mr. Reed thanks the Friends for their report and all that they do for the Library.

Mr. Reed indicated that he did not have a report; and deferred to Mr. Carlson’s Building and Grounds Committee report.

Mr. Carlson reported on behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The plans for 66, 68, and 68 ½ Fulton St. lots was discussed.

Mr. Reed asked for a motion to accept the Warrant List. Mr. Carlson noted that there was a discrepancy of \$0.01 for the second item. Mrs. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carlson. Mr. Reed asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, the Board approved with a vote of “aye.”

Valerie Acklin
Library Director

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Caren Pepper

Christine Pesses

Charles Reed

Christian Rohrs

Susan Shrader

In her Local History Room Committee report, Mrs. Pesses noted that there had not been a report prepared; however, she shared with the Board the statistics of patrons who have visited the Local History Room.

Ms. Dunn-Brown delivered a report on behalf of the Outreach Committee. She indicated they had not been meeting much; however, there has been much correspondence via email and they have continued to distribute GPL calendars at Food Truck Fridays—most recently being on August 5.

Mrs. Shrader reported on behalf of the Personnel Committee, during which she indicated they had met on Friday, August 12. Ms. Acklin added that she may have likely found a part-time custodian and she expressed her concern regarding staffing levels.

Mr. Reed noted there had not been a Plan of Service Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The next meeting will be August 18 at 1:00 PM.

In her Policy Committee report, Mrs. Pesses shared the second reading of the Behavior and Environment Policy. Also, she shared the second reading of the Bylaws Policy. Mrs. Pesses asked for a motion to accept both of the aforementioned policies. Ms. Pepper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. The board approved with a vote of “aye.” The policy committee will meet again August 23rd, at 10 AM in the Library.

In her Program Committee report, Ms. Pepper said there had not been a meeting. However, Ms. Acklin shared a report of all the programs through the end of the calendar year.

Mr. Reed asked for a motion to accept the Warrants. Mrs. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. The Board approved with a vote of “aye.”

There was no report on behalf of the Public Relations Committee.

Ms. Acklin shared her Director’s Report. Ms. Pepper noted there was a great compliment shared with her regarding the Library of Things. Ms. Acklin shared that more items have been added to the Library of Things.

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Mr. Reed asked if there is any New Business. There was none.

At 7:46 PM, Mr. Reed asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Ms. Dunn-Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carlson.

At 7:48 PM, Ms. Pepper made a motion to leave Executive Session. Mr. Rohrs seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of “aye.”

Upon leaving Executive Session, the following motions were made:

· Motion to hire Jeffrey McClary for the position of Custodial Worker, for 17.5 hours per week, at an hourly rate of \$14.50. Mrs. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. The Board approved with a vote of “aye.”

· Motion to hire Darcelle Etkin for the position of Library Clerk, for 17.5 hours per week, at an hourly rate of \$14.50. Ms. Dunn-Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Niforos. Citing a personal relationship with the candidate, Ms. Pepper recused herself from voting upon the aforementioned motion. The Board approved with a vote of “aye.”

At 7:50 PM, Mr. Reed requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Carlson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rohrs. The board approved with “aye.”

Respectfully submitted,

Christian W Rohrs, Secretary