



Minutes of the Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees Special Meeting September 6, 2022

The Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees held a special meeting on September 6, 2022. Present were President Charles "Ren" Reed, Vice President Merry Dunn-Brown, Library Director Valerie Acklin, Librarian Barbara Madonna, Secretary Christian W. Rohrs, Christine Pesses, Susan Shrader, Richard Carlson, Gregory Niforos, and Caren Pepper.

Valerie Acklin
Library Director

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Mr. Reed asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Building and Grounds Committee Chair Richard Carlson presented the bid from Butler, Rowland, Mays Architects, LLP for the 66, 68, and 68 ½ E. Fulton St. properties.

From this discussion, the following motion was made:

- Motion to allow Ms. Madonna to submit an application to the NYS Public Library Construction grant project for Phase 1 of creating parking and programming space on the lots at 66, 68 and 68 ½ East Fulton Street.

Mrs. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Mr. Niforos. Mr. Reed asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Shrader inquired about the grading and space of the lots. Mr. Reed asked if there was any further discussion. The Board approved with the vote of "aye."

At 6:41 PM, Mr. Reed asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. The Board approved with a vote of "aye."

Respectfully submitted,

Christian W. Rohrs, Secretary

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Christine Pesses

Charles Reed

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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