



Minutes of the Groversville Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting May 16, 2023

The Groversville Public Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on May 16, 2023. Present were President Charles "Ren" Reed, Vice President Merry Dunn-Brown, Library Director Valerie Acklin, Treasurer Michael Frank, Secretary Christian W. Rohrs, Christine Pesses, Gregory Niforos, John Mazur, and Caren Pepper. Present from the public was Adrian Nolett.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Mr. Reed asked for a motion to accept the April meeting minutes. Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunn-Brown. Mr. Reed asked if there was any discussion. There was none. The Board approved with a vote of "aye".

Mr. Frank delivered his Treasurer's Report. After some discussion, Mr. Reed asked if there was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Pesses inquired about the NYS pension bill. Ms. Pepper made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mr. Niforos. The Board approved with a vote of "aye".

Mr. Frank distributed the Warrant List. Mr. Reed asked for a motion to accept the Warrant List. Mr. Rohrs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Niforos. The Board approved with a vote of "aye".

Mr. Niforos delivered the Budget and Finance Committee Report. He indicated that there had not been a meeting; however, he was pleased to report the passing of the tax levy vote. Mr. Mazur inquired about the absentee voter percentage. The Board thanks Mr. Niforos and the committee for all of their hard work.

Mr. Frank delivered a report on behalf of the Foundation. He noted there had not been a meeting.

Mr. Reed delivered the Friends of the Library Report on behalf of Mrs. Jean La Porta. He indicated that the pie ale and performance of The Addams Family were very successful. Articles for the August newsletter need to be to Mary Trainor by June 28.

Mr. Reed delivered the President's Report. He thanked many including the community for passing the tax levy.

Ms. Acklin delivered the Building and Grounds Report, on behalf of Mr. Carlson. She indicated the building projects and required grant funding are in motion. From this report, the following motion was made:

- Motion to authorize Ms. Barbara Madonna to submit and sign the CFA application paperwork. Mrs. Pesses made the motion, seconded by Ms. Pepper. The Board approved with a vote of "aye".
- Motion to authorize the repair of the HVAC system with Stark Tech, at an estimated cost of \$13,000. Mr. Mazur made the motion, seconded by Ms. Dunn-Brown. The Board approved with a vote of "aye".

Mr. Reed delivered the Lawyer Search Ad Hoc Committee Report. From this report, the following motion was made:

- Motion to retain Ms. Stephanie Cole Adams as our new Library General Counsel, with Mr. Bryan Goldberger as a second choice should Ms. Adams decline the offer. Mrs. Pesses made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur. Mrs. Pesses inquired whether Ms. Adams would be on retainer or per hour. Mr. Reed indicated her compensation would be per hour. The Board approved with a vote of "aye".

Valerie Acklin
Library Director

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Richard Carlson

John Mazur

Greg Niforos

Caren Pepper

Christine Pesses

Charles Reed

Christian Rohrs

Susan Shrader

Mrs. Pesses delivered the Local History Room Committee Report. The next meeting with the volunteers will be in June.

Ms. Dunn-Brown reported on behalf of the Outreach Committee. She indicated that Outreach Committee will only be present on first Friday of the month for Food Truck Fridays.

Mr. Niforos delivered the Personnel Committee Report, in Ms. Shrader's absence. Mr. Niforos indicated there was no report; however, he reminded everyone that the Director Evaluations are due.

Mr. Reed delivered the Plan of Service Ad Hoc Committee Report. He noted there was not a meeting; however, the committee is putting together the last community outreach workshop, which is proving to be difficult.

Mrs. Pesses delivered the Policy Committee Report. The following finance policies were reviewed by Mr. Frank and were accepted as is:

- Motion to accept the Budget Development and Expenditure Policy, as well as the Payment Authorization Policy as written. Ms. Pepper made the motion, seconded by Ms. Dunn-Brown. The motion carried with a vote of "aye".

Ms. Pepper delivered the Program Committee Report. She noted there had not been a meeting; however, they will try to meet before the June Board meeting.

Mr. Mazur reported on behalf of the Public Relations Committee. He noted there had not been a meeting, but the committee will meet in the summer season. He noted there had been positive feedback on advertisements for the library vote; however, there had been feedback regarding the lack of privacy as patrons voted

Ms. Acklin delivered the Library Director's Report. She added that she had met with the Gloversville Police Department regarding active shooter training. Mr. Reed also requested that there is a "Librarians' Reports" line added to the Board agenda/minutes.

Mr. Reed asked if there was any Old Business. There as none.

Mr. Reed asked if there was any New Business. In this discussion, the following motion was made:

- Motion to certify the May 2, 2023 tax levy vote and trustee election, the results of which are:
 - ◆ Tax levy of \$613,695.00: Yes: 166; No: 56.
 - ◆ Five-Year Trustee Term: Susan Shrader
 - ◆ Five-Year Trustee Term: Richard Carlson

Mr. Rohrs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Niforos. The Board approved with a vote of "aye".

At 7:07 PM, Mr. Mazur made a motion to enter Executive Session for reasons of personnel changes, seconded by Mr. Niforos. The Board approved with "aye".

At 7:39, Mr. Rohrs made a motion to leave Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Niforos. The Board approved with a vote of "aye".

At 7:42 PM, Mr. Reed asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunn-Brown. The Board approved with a vote of "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Christian W Rohrs, Secretary