



Valerie Acklin
Library Director

2021-2022
Board of Trustees

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Minutes of the Groversville Public Library Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting

July 19, 2022

The Groversville Public Library Board of Trustees held its Organizational Meeting on July 19, 2022. Present were Charles “Ren” Reed, Merry Dunn-Brown, Library Director Valerie Acklin, Treasurer Michael Frank, Christian W. Rohrs, Christine Pesses, Susan Shrader, Richard “Dick” Carlson, Gregory Niforos, Caren Pepper, and John Mazur.

Treasurer Michael Frank called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

The following Board Members and Library Clerks were sworn into office:

- 1-year board membership: Richard Carlson
- 5-year board membership: Christine Pesses
- Treasurer: Michael Frank
- Library Director: Valerie Acklin
- Library Election Clerk: Valerie Acklin
- Deputy Election Clerk: Nicole Hauser
- Deputy Election Clerk: Barbara Madonna

Mr. Frank asked for motions of election to be made for the following officers:

- Charles “Ren” Reed, President. Mrs. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader.
- Merry Dunn-Brown, Vice President. Mr. Rohrs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carlson.
- Gregory Niforos, Vice President of Finance. Ms. Dunn-Brown made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader.
- Christian W. Rohrs, Secretary. Mrs. Shrader made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carlson.

The aforementioned motions were each approved with a vote of “aye” from the Board.

At this point, President Charles “Ren” Reed assumed responsibility of overseeing the meeting.

Mr. Reed asked for a motion to approve items 3-10 on the agenda. Mrs. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carlson. The Board approved with a vote of “aye.”

Mr. Reed asked for a motion to elect Mr. Niforos and Mrs. Pesses as Representatives to the Groversville Library Foundation Board. Mrs. Shrader made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunn-Brown. The Board approved with a vote of

Mr. Reed inquired if the current chairpersons for GPL committees would continue serving as chairperson. Each chairperson agreed.

Mr. Reed requested a vote to appoint John Blackmon to be claims auditor for the Gloversville Public Library. Ms. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunn-Brown seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of "aye."

Mr. Reed asked if there was a motion to approve the GPL Holiday Observance Calendar. Mr. Carlson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pepper. The Board approved with a vote of "aye."

Mr. Reed asked if there was a motion to designate the Library Director to be the appointing authority for Civil Service employment actions. Mrs. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Pepper. The Board approved the motion with a vote of "aye."

Mr. Reed also noted the Conflict of Interest signage will be made available tomorrow, 7/20, at the Information Desk.

At 6:18 PM, Mr. Reed asked for a motion to adjourn the Organizational Meeting. Mrs. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Mr. Niforos. The Board approved with a vote of "aye."

Respectfully submitted,

Christian W. Rohrs, Secretary