



Minutes of the Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting October 17, 2023

The Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on October 17, 2023. Present were President Gregory Niforos, Vice-President Merry Dunn-Brown, Library Director Valerie Acklin, Vice President of Finance, Charles Reed, Treasurer Michael Frank, Caren Pepper, Susan Shrader, and John Mazur.

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

Mr. Niforos opened the meeting by leading the Trustees in the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Mr. Niforos asked for a motion to accept the Annual Meeting minutes, The September Regular Meeting minutes and the Special Meeting Minutes of the September 29, 2023 meeting of the Trustees. After minor corrections were noted, Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reed to accept the minutes of the meetings as presented. The board approved all three with a vote of "aye".

Mr. Frank delivered his Treasurer's Report for September 2023. Mr. Niforos asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Pepper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. The motion carried with a vote of "aye".

Mr. Frank distributed the Warrants List. Mr. Niforos asked for a motion to accept the Warrants list. Ms. Dunn-Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur to accept the Warrant List and approve payment of the warrants. The motion carried with a vote of "aye".

Mr. Reed delivered the Budget and Finance report. He indicated that there had not been a meeting but that one was planned for early November to begin working on the 2024-2025 budget.

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

Mr. Niforos highlighted several items in the Friends of the Library Report. Mr. Niforos noted that next week is Friends week and that the Friends are currently conducting their membership drive.

In his President's Report, Mr. Niforos congratulated Jean La Porta, Lex Lanza and Valerie Acklin for their awards presented by Mohawk Valley Library System.

In Mr. Carlson's absence, Mr. Niforos noted that the parking lot project had begun.

There was no Local History Room Committee Report.

Ms. Dunn-Brown reported on behalf of the Outreach Committee. No meeting this past month but hand outs were continuing at many locations.

Mrs. Shrader noted there was no meeting of the Personnel Committee but that an Assistant Director Evaluation form would need to be developed. Ms. Acklin informed the Trustees that one part-time employee who had started had to leave and that E. Hoover would be starting the following day.

Mr. Reed reviewed the progress of the Plan of Service Committee. Mr. Reed introduced Wade Abbott from Mohawk Valley Library System. Mr. Abbott distributed a report on the progress made on the Plan of Service meeting held recently. The Trustees gave their informal approval of the progress to date.

Mr. Niforos informed the Trustees that there was no Policy Committee report. Ms. Acklin informed the Trustees that the Library By-Laws needs an update.

Ms. Pepper noted that there was no Program Committee report.

Mr. Mazur informed the Trustees that the Public Relations Committee had met on October 3, 2023. Mr. Mazur also called the Trustees attention to a press release that was going to be in the *Leader-Herald* newspaper to do with the Library award and the staff awards.

Valerie Acklin
Library Director

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Merry Dunn Brown

Richard Carlson

John Mazur

Greg Niforos

Caren Pepper

Christine Pesses

Charles Reed

Susan Shrader

Mr. Niforos informed the Trustees that the Trustee Search Ad Hoc Committee had received one application for the vacant Trustee position.

Ms. Acklin delivered the Library Director's Report. Ms. Acklin noted that L. Kurz had not completed a report for September.

Mr. Niforos asked if there was any Old Business. The snow removal situation was discussed and it was decided to ask Jim Esper if he would be willing to do it again this winter. Ms. Dunn-Brown also asked the Trustees if they would be willing to do a pizza party again this year for the Friends. They agreed that they would.

Mr. Niforos asked if there was any New Business. Hearing none,

At 7:35 PM Mrs. Shrader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mazur. The motion carried with a vote of "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Shrader, Secretary