



Valerie Acklin
Library Director

2023-2024
Board of Trustees

Merry Dunn Brown

Richard Carlson

Jonathan Federman

Greg Niforos

Caren Pepper

Charles Reed

Susan Schrader

Charlotte Will

Minutes of the Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting July 30, 2024 at 6 PM

The Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees held its organizational Meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Present were: Gregory Niforos, Merry Dunn-Brown, John Federman, Charles "Ren" Reed, Caren Pepper, Richard Carlson, Treasurer Michael Frank, and Director Valerie Acklin. Also present were Sally Ostrander, Recording Secretary, and one member of the Public. Absent were Sue Shrader and Charlotte Will.

Treasurer Michael Frank called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

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

- 5-year board membership: Charlotte Will
- 5-year board membership: Jon Federman
- 3-year board membership: Charles "Ren" Reed
- 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:

- Mr. Gregory Niforos, President. Nomination made by Mr. Reed.
- Merry Dunn-Brown, Vice President. Nomination made by Mr. Niforos.
- Mr. Charles "Ren" Reed, Vice President of Finance. Nomination made by Ms. Dunn-Brown.
- Susan Shrader, Secretary. Nomination made by Ms. Pepper.

The aforementioned motions were approved with a vote of "aye" from the Board.

At this point, President Gregory Niforos assumed responsibility of overseeing the meeting.

Mr. Niforos asked for a motion to approve items 3-10 on the Agenda: (including the election of CMr. Reed and Ms. Dunn-Brown as Representatives to the Gloversville Library Foundation Board.

Ms. Dunn-Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carlson. The Board approved with a vote of "aye".

Mr. Niforos inquired if current chairpersons for Building and Grounds, Local History Room, Outreach, Personnel, Policy, Program, and committees would continue serving as chairpersons. Each chairperson agreed. The Chair of the Public Relations Committee is still vacant.

Mr. Federman, volunteered for the Policy Committee Chair position currently held by Ms. Will. Mr. Niforos stated that he would ask Ms. Will if she would agree to fill the vacant chair of the PR Committee, allowing Mr. Federman to replace her on the Policy Committee.

Mr. Niforos asked for a motion to name John Blackmon as Claims Auditor. Mr. Reed made the motion, with Ms. Dunn-Brown seconding. The Board approved with a vote of “aye”.

The GPL Holiday Observance Calendar was approved by the Board.

Mr. Niforos asked if there was a motion to designate the Library Director to be the appointing authority for Civil Service employment actions. Mr. Carlson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pepper. The motion carried with a vote of “aye”.

Mr. Niforos also noted the Conflict of Interest statement for the 2024-202r fiscal year will is available to be signed by the Trustees.

At 6:21 PM, Mr. Niforos asked for a motion to adjourn the Organizational Meeting. Ms. Dunn-Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Federman. The motion carried with a vote of “aye”.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Ostrander, Recording Secretary