

**Skaneateles Library Association
Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

Present: Scott Elia, President; David Graham, Vice President; Andrew Hagen, Treasurer; Danette Davis, Secretary; Gina Benedict; Mike Cirincione; Paula Conan; Geralyn Huba; David Lee; Bob Lotkowitz; Todd Marshall; Sharon O'Connell; Laurie Spencer; Peg Whitehouse; Nickie Marquis, Library Director.

President Elia called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Approval of the July 12, 2016 Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public present.

Director's Report: The report had been emailed previously. Director Marquis reported that new, extended library hours have begun. The first Sunday hours and Monday evening were busy and there was much positive feedback. The family of Mr. Bob Costello, a former patron who passed away, is interested in assisting with the restoration of some of the library's Charles Loring Elliott portraits which Mr. Costello always enjoyed.

Book Sale results: Trustee Conan reported that the net proceeds were \$20,304.19. Vice President Graham and Trustee O'Connell thanked Trustee Conan for her donations and all of her work which went into making the book sale a success.

New hours and staff: Director Marquis reported that a new sign is being made which includes the new Sunday and evening hours. Deanna King has started work as a new clerk.

Records Retention: Trustee Conan researched a number of recommended Records Retention schedules. She made a motion that the Skaneateles Library Association adopt the Records Retention Schedule which was provided to us by our accountants, Buffington and Hoatland. Vice President Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Silence Room: Trustees Huba and Whitehouse, along with a volunteer, have been sorting through items in the Silence Room. Trustee Whitehouse is planning to have the Barrow Gallery closed during the month of September in order to store the paintings from the Silence Room while work is being done to that room. Trustees Whitehouse and Huba have tentatively scheduled September 10 as a work day for members of the Board and the Barrow Gallery management committee to assist with moving paintings from the Silence Room to the Barrow Gallery.

Stella Maris/Bookends opportunity: The SLA Bookends committee has been meeting weekly to discuss the proposed opportunity. They have met with the Soderbergs to clarify concepts and share concerns. Trustee Benedict presented a report on the committee's work. Whether at the current location or a new location, the Board remains dedicated to following the library's mission "to inspire learning, enrich lives and connect our community" and to our vision of "being the cultural and informational hub of a vibrant, thriving community".

The committee realizes that an acceptable future must be secured for the current building in order to proceed with any possible move. We also need a proposed plan and model to present for a public discussion. Discussion followed Trustee Benedict's presentation. The consensus of the Board members was that to faithfully carry out our stewardship of the Skaneateles Library, the Board needs to take the time to seriously examine the Bookends opportunity before making a decision.

Trustee Lotkowitz made the following motion:

The SLA Board is committed to fully exploring the feasibility of the Bookends project. The Board intends to pursue this on three fronts:

1. Establish a building design for a Library and Barrow Gallery only initially. The building would be designed to accommodate expansion for a Learning Center or some other function at the point in the future when it is needed and funded. The board has a strong preference that the firm of Butler Rowland Mays be engaged in this process.
2. Determine an acceptable new civic, government, education or arts use of the existing library building. From discussion we do not believe that our plans will be successful unless the future use of the current building is known and is appropriate in the community's view.
3. Develop an acceptable governance structure.

Trustee Huba seconded the motion. The motion passed. Trustee Cirincione was not present for the vote.

Benefits Discussion: Trustee Benedict had previously sent information to the Board on proposed employee benefits. She will look into specific rates for October 1. The rest of the discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 13, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Davis, Secretary