



Minutes of the Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

April 19, 2022

The Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on April 19, 2022. Present were President Charles “Ren” Reed, Vice President Merry Dunn-Brown, Library Director Valerie Acklin, Treasurer Michael Frank, Secretary Christian W. Rohrs, Richard Carlson, Gregory Niforos, Caren Pepper, and John Mazur.

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

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

Mr. Reed asked for a motion to approve the March minutes. Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pepper. The board approved with a vote of “aye.”

Mr. Frank delivered the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Reed asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Ms. Pepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Niforos. The board approved with a vote of “aye.”

Mr. Niforos noted that the Budget and Finance Committee did not meet.

Mr. Reed requested a motion to approve the Warrants. Mr. Rohrs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunn-Brown. The board approved with a vote of “aye.”

Mr. Reed delivered the Friends of the Library Report, on behalf of Mrs. Jean La Porta, during which he also discussed the performance of Love Letters on April 28 at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Frank indicated there was no report on behalf of the Foundation.

In his President’s Report, Mr. Reed applauded the attendance of the Local History Room reopening. He also discussed the process of the Plan of Service and Board of Trustee training requirements.

Mr. Carlson reported on behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Reporting on behalf of the Local History Room Committee, Mr. Reed and Ms. Acklin noted the need for continued participation in the maintenance and supervision of the Local History Room. The following motion was made:

- As of April 19, 2022, Motion to establish the Local History Room Committee as a standing committee under the auspices of the Board of Library Trustees. Mr. Rohrs made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur. The board approved with a vote of “aye.”

Valerie Acklin
Library Director

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John Mazur

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Caren Pepper

Christine Pesses

Charles Reed

Christian Rohrs

Susan Schrader

Ms. Dunn-Brown delivered a report on behalf of the Outreach committee.

In the Personnel Committee report, Mr. Niforos distributed the Director's Evaluation form which is due at the May 17 meeting.

Mr. Reed reported on the Policy Committee on behalf of Ms. Pesses.

In her Program Committee report, Ms. Pepper noted there had not been a meeting; however, Ms. Acklin discussed the focus on planned programs, particularly during the summer months.

Ms. Acklin delivered her Director's Report, during which she discussed the budget vote, the "Library of Things", and the clarifications of absentee voting.

When asked is any Old Business, the following motion was made:

- Motion to establish Barbara Madonna deputy election clerk. Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carlson. The board approved with a vote of "aye."

Mr. Reed asked if there was any new business, to which Ms. Acklin noted the need to search for a new lawyer for the Gloversville Public Library.

At 7:49 PM, Mr. Reed asked if there was a motion to enter Executive Session. Ms. Pepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur. The board approved with "aye."

At 7:53 PM, Mr. Reed asked for a motion to leave Executive Session. Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunn-Brown. The board approved with "aye."

Upon leaving Executive Session, the following motion was made:

- Motion to hire Gabrielle Duplessis as a part time library clerk at a rate of \$14 per hour. Ms. Dunn-Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rohrs. The board approved with a vote of "aye."

At 7:55, PM Mr. Reed asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Pepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carlson. The board approved with a vote of "aye."

Respectfully submitted,

Christian W. Rohrs, Secretary