

SUFFERN FREE LIBRARY
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING/FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Trustees Present: Craig H. Long, Warren E. Berbit, Mario F. Pensa, Joyce A. Nencetti, Christine Gigante, Kathleen J. Hugh, Amy MacKenzie, Michael Minevich

Absent and Excused: Donalee Berard

Staff Present: Carol Connell Cannon, Library Director
Madalen Klein

Public Present: William S. Gould 3rd, Jean R. Gould, Martha Anderson

President Craig H. Long called the 90th Annual Board Meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. and welcomed the Board of Trustees and guests. The President asked the Board to review the February 24, 2015 minutes as received.

MOTION

A motion was made by Martha Anderson, seconded by Kathleen J. Hugh, and carried to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2015 Annual Meeting as presented. The motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –Mario F. Pensa

The Treasurer read his report for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 –June 30, 2015 and for the first half of the current fiscal year July 1, 2015 –June 30, 2016.

MOTION

A motion was made by Jean R. Gould, seconded by Joyce A. Nencetti, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Annual Report as presented. The motion approved unanimously.

The Treasurer thanked Donalee Berard for her input in preparing the Treasurer's report.

The President thanked Mario F. Pensa and the finance committee in association with the Director for their conservative approach to the Library's finances.

The President mentioned that Trustee Donalee Berard is currently in Mexico advocating for a library and grade school. The President noted that her absence is excused.

Jean R. Gould asked Mario F. Pensa if the Library is participating in rebate incentives offered by *Orange and Rockland* for the LED lighting project. Mario F. Pensa noted that based on energy usage the Library will receive approximately \$32,000 in rebates.

Jean R. Gould inquired about the Library's cash reserves as the Library has been using reserves to balance the budget. Mario F. Pensa noted that the funds available in the cash reserve are currently at \$2,796,868, of this amount, \$2,147,000 was designated for specific purposes.

President's Report –Craig H. Long

The President noted that this meeting was the 90th Annual Board meeting of the Association. The Suffern Free Library has had a long history of providing quality library services to the community. The President mentioned that the Library was founded by the Suffern Woman's Club and received its Charter in 1926. The Library of the present and future looks very different from the Library of 1926. At one time, the collection consisted of 3,500 books, and circulation was 2,000 items a month.

The President noted that the modern Library has evolved from its traditional role. The Library's Long Range Plan will provide the Library with direction, vision, and goals for the future.

The President thanked the Board of Trustees for their commitment to the Library. He emphasized that as volunteers, Board Members work in the best interest of the Library and the community. The policies and operations of the Library continue to be met, which ensure the effectiveness and sustainability because of the members' dedication.

The President thanked the Director, Carol Connell Cannon, for her leadership and support in the day to day operation of the Library. Special thanks were extended to the staff for their loyalty and support. The hard work and dedication of the book sale volunteers was also commended.

Vice President Warren E. Berbit announced the following Trustee election results:

Donalee Berard	29 votes
Christine Gigante	31 votes
Kathleen J. Hugh	28 votes

MOTION

A motion was made by Mario F. Pensa, seconded by Michael Minevich, and carried to accept Donalee Berard, Christine Gigante and Kathleen J. Hugh for 3 year terms of office. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Martha Anderson, RCLS Board of Trustee

Martha Anderson invited the Suffern Board of Trustees to attend the NYLA Library Advocacy Day on March 2, 2016. The goal of Advocacy Day is to show Legislative Representatives how important libraries are to the communities they serve. Martha Anderson noted that the NYLA 2016 Agenda includes funding library state aid, funding capital improvements for libraries, and advocating for libraries in elementary schools. Ms. Anderson noted that Board members can also communicate their support to appointed Legislators via email.

MOTION

A motion was made by Christine Gigante, seconded by Michael Minevich to adjourn the Annual meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Nencetti, Secretary