

SUFFERN FREE LIBRARY  
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING/FEBRUARY 23, 2021  
VIA ZOOM

Trustees Present: Craig H. Long, Warren E. Berbit, Mario F. Pensa, Karen Bash-Romaner, Donalee Berard, Erb Cooper, James J. Galvin, Michael Minevich, Mark Murphy

Absent and Excused: None

Staff Present: Carol Connell Cannon, Library Director

Public Present: Jean R. Gould, Krista Hoversten

Meeting Called to Order:

President Craig H. Long called the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Board Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. A quorum was established. The President welcomed the Board of Trustees and guests and asked that all recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President asked the Board and guests to review the proposed Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of February 25, 2020.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Mario F. Pensa, seconded by Donalee Berard, and carried to accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of February 25, 2020. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –Mario F. Pensa

Mario F. Pensa read the Treasurer's report for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 –June 30, 2020, and for the first half of the current fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Karen Bash-Romaner, seconded by Michael Minevich, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Annual Report as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

President's Report –Craig H. Long

President Craig H. Long reflected on the highlights of 2020:

The President discussed the challenges of the Pandemic and acknowledged and thanked the staff's ongoing efforts, extra hard work and accomplishments behind the scenes while the Library was closed to the public. The President noted that although the Library was closed, a "Virtual Library" was open. President Craig H. Long stated that the Suffern Free Library was the "Gateway" to that opening, continuing to serve patrons by providing information, services, and virtual programs throughout the Pandemic.

The President expressed his gratitude to the custodial staff for their efforts and great job keeping the Library sanitized and following safety procedures.

The President thanked the Board of Trustees for their continued dedication and hard work.

## Budget Information –Donalee Berard

Donalee noted that the budget will remain tax revenue neutral for 2021-2022 which means no vote necessary.

## Public Comment

Jean R. Gould commented about the Sloatsburg Public Library holding a vote with the Suffern Free Library. A discussion followed regarding both Libraries not seeking an increase in the budget due to the Pandemic.

## Trustee Election:

Secretary Karen Bash-Romaner moved and cast one vote to accept and declare the following Trustees for 3-year terms of office:

- Warren E. Berbit
- Michael Minevich
- Mario F. Pensa

## **MOTION**

Jean R. Gould motioned, seconded by Donalee Berard, and carried to accept and declare the above Trustees for 3-year terms of office. Motion approved unanimously.

## **MOTION**

A motion was made by Mario F. Pensa, seconded by Donalee Bernard, and carried to adjourn the Annual Association meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bash-Romaner  
Secretary

