

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2014 AND JANUARY 28, 2015**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014

The Annual Meeting/Election of the Great Neck Library Association was held on Monday, October 27, 2014 for the purpose of voting to fill one expiring seat on the Board of Trustees (Janet Nina Esagoff) and two expiring seats on the Nominating Committee (Ian Lustbader and Diane Sandler).

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ferrante Krupski at 10:00 a.m. Voting took place in person from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Main Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, New York 11023, and in the Parkville Branch at 10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park, New York 11040. President DiCamillo declared the polls closed at 10:00 p.m.

The Re-Organization portion of the Annual Meeting was recessed until Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015

Due to a snow storm, the Library was closed and the Annual Re-Organization meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015

The Annual Re-Organization Meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Parkville Branch of the Great Neck Library, 10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park, New York 11040. The Main Building was closed for renovation. The Agenda is attached.

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum of the Board:

Marietta DiCamillo – President
Francine Ferrante Krupski – Vice President
Josie Pizer – Treasurer
Joel Marcus – Assistant Treasurer
Michael Fuller – Assistant Treasurer
Janet Esagoff

Absent with Prior Notice: Varda Solomon – Secretary

Also present: Christine Johnson – Interim Director

Absent with prior notice: Neil Zitofsky – Business Manager

The attendance sheet is appended to these Minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

President DiCamillo called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY

Upon motion by Josie Pizer, seconded by Janet Nina Esagoff, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library appoint Janet Nina Esagoff to act as Secretary for this portion of the meeting during the absence of Secretary Varda Solomon.

VOTE: Yes 6 (DiCamillo, Ferrante Krupski, Fuller, Marcus, Nina Esagoff, Pizer)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WELCOMING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

President DiCamillo welcomed all in attendance. She stated that it is an exciting time for the Great Neck Library. She thanked the management team, especially Christine Johnson, for her relentless activities in executing the successful move from the Main Building to the branches. President DiCamillo also extended her appreciation to Marjorie Malcolm, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, as well as to her fellow Trustees who met almost every night, and to volunteers on the various committees. It is her intention this year to create three new committees – Reorganization, Programming and Website [see page 6].

MINUTES

Upon motion by Janet Nina Esagoff, seconded by Josie Pizer, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library approve the Minutes of the October 28, 2013, Annual Meeting/Election and January 23, 2014, Annual Re-Organization Meeting, as presented.

VOTE: Yes 6 (DiCamillo, Ferrante Krupski, Fuller, Marcus, Nina Esagoff, Pizer)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Reports from the President, Treasurer and the Interim Library Director are in the Annual Report which is attached to these Minutes.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Trustee Nina Esagoff who joined the Board in 2007 was recognized for the invaluable resources she provided in her ability to edit and cut through the legal jargons. It was a pleasure to have her on the Board and she will be missed. She was then presented with a bouquet of flowers and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Trustee Nina Esagoff responded by expressing her gratitude to the Trustees, staff and the public for their trust in her as a trustee. She spent countless hours – all a sacrifice to be a volunteer which is challenging but a rewarding work. She is proud of the work accomplished together. She made priceless friendship with the trustees, neighbors and Library staff. She then thanked all for the opportunity to serve which is a distinct honor.

On behalf of the Board, President DiCamillo thanked Dr. Ian Lustbader and Diane Sandler for their contributions to the Nominating Committee for the past three years. They were not present to receive their Certificate of Appreciation. Trustee Fuller accepted the certificate on Dr. Lustbader's behalf. The Board-appointed members to the Nominating Committee, Linda Burghardt and Marianna Wohlgemuth, were also acknowledged for completing their one year term.

Retired Interim Library Director Laura Weir, who was not present, was thanked for the amazing job she did in keeping the Board together at a very busy and difficult time. She was also acknowledged at a previous Board meeting in December 2014.

Following this, there was a brief intermission at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Nina Esagoff
Acting Secretary – Board of Trustees

NEW BUSINESS

The new Board reconvened at 7:50 p.m. at which time President DiCamillo warmly welcomed new trustee Robert Schaufeld, who had not yet arrived.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 200-30 of the Library's Bylaws states that *"No trustee should be elected to the same office for more than two (2) consecutive years, unless the Board determines that due to exigent circumstances it is in the best interest of the Library to maintain certain officers in their respective positions. Should this be the case, the Board may re-elect a trustee or trustees to the same office. The foregoing Board Policy to allow a third term will expire by January 2016."*

In accordance with the foregoing, all the officers of the Board were re-elected to serve for another one-year term expiring in January 2016 as follows:

PRESIDENT

Upon motion by Joel Marcus seconded by Francine Ferrante Krupski, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library re-elect Marietta DiCamiillo as President of the Board of Trustees for another one-year term ending January 2016.

VOTE: Yes 5 (DiCamillo, Ferrante Krupski, Fuller, Marcus, Pizer)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VICE PRESIDENT

Upon motion by Joel Marcus seconded by Josie Pizer, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library re-elect Francine Ferrante Krupski as Vice President of the Board of Trustees for another one-year term ending January 2016.

VOTE: Yes 5 (DiCamillo, Ferrante Krupski, Fuller, Marcus, Pizer)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECRETARY

Upon motion by Joel Marcus seconded by Michael Fuller, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library re-elect Varda Solomon as Secretary of the Board of Trustees for another one-year term ending January 2016.

VOTE: Yes 5 (DiCamillo, Ferrante Krupski, Fuller, Marcus, Pizer)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Solomon was re-elected Secretary in absentia. Josie Pizer motioned and Joel Marcus seconded for Michael Fuller to be appointed as acting Secretary for this portion of the meeting.

Trustee Robert Schaufeld arrived at this point at 7:55 p.m.

TREASURER

Upon motion by Joel Marcus seconded by Francine Ferrante Krupski, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library re-elect Josie Pizer as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for another one-year term ending January 2016.

VOTE: Yes 6 (DiCamillo, Ferrante Krupski, Fuller, Marcus, Pizer, Schaufeld)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Upon motion by Joel Marcus seconded by Robert Schaufeld, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library re-elect Joel Marcus as Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for another one-year term ending January 2016.

VOTE: Yes 6 (DiCamillo, Ferrante Krupski, Fuller, Marcus, Pizer, Schaufeld)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Upon motion by Joel Marcus seconded by Francine Ferrante Krupski, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library Trustees re-elect Michael Fuller as Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for another one-year term ending January 2016.

VOTE: Yes 6 (DiCamillo, Ferrante Krupski, Fuller, Marcus, Pizer, Schaufeld)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2014/2015 BOARD MEETING DATES

Upon motion by Josie Pizer, seconded by Joel Marcus, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library accept the calendar of Board of Trustees meetings for 2015/2016 [below].

2015

February 17 - Station

March 3 (Budget Workshop)- Station
March 17 (Budget Workshop) Station
March 24 - Parkville
April 14 (Budget Hearing & Adoption) – Parkville April 21 - Station
May 19 – Station
June 16 – Parkville
September 16 (Wednesday) – Station
October 21 – Station
October 26 (Monday) Annual Meeting/Election 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Parkville & Station
November 17 – Station
December 15 – Parkville

2016

January 19 – Station
January 26 – Annual Re-Organization Meeting - Station

VOTE: Yes – 6 (DiCamillo, Ferrante Krupski, Fuller, Marcus, Pizer, Schaufeld)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following dates were also set for Special Board meetings over the summer if needed:

July 21 – Station
August 18 – Parkville

BOARD ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Upon motion by Robert Schaufeld, seconded by Josie Pizer, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library Trustees re-elect Linda Burghardt and Marianna Wohlgemuth to the Nominating Committee for another one-year term each ending January 2016.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (DiCamillo, Ferrante Krupski, Fuller, Marcus, Pizer, Schaufeld)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

President DiCamillo stated that a third application was received after the deadline but it was not considered.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Trustees were asked to apprise the President within the next week of the committees on which they would like to serve. The composition of the Personnel Committee will remain the same as per policy, except for a replacement for outgoing Trustee Nina Esagoff, since contract negotiations with staff are still ongoing. Her replacement will be Trustee Francine Ferrante Krupski, who serves as Chair of the Director Search Committee and who will be serving on the newly formed Reorganization Committee.

The Reorganization Committee will be responsible for the restructuring of the staff hierarchy and will alternate monthly meetings with the Personnel Committee.

The other two Ad-Hoc committees will be the Website Committee, a joint committee with staff and perhaps members of the public, to redesign the current website, and the Programming Committee which will review and provide programming suggestions to develop more programs.

OPEN TIME

Michael Currie – He thought people, including the Mayor of Saddle Rock, who had come to a lot of the Board and BAC meetings were well informed of what was going to happen. So for the Mayor to say he was shocked about the positioning of the trailers was unnerving. He asked if there is a mechanism in place to continue the dialog with Saddle Rock that something like this does not happen in the future. President DiCamillo reassured him that there was a good possibility that the Board was going to comply with the Mayor's request and move the trailer which is not going to cost much money, and put the other two trailers on the lower level parking lot. Mr. Currie stated that he is concerned about Change Orders popping up that can affect the evolution of the Main Building.

Trustee Schaufeld – Asked if there was an opening on the Building Advisory Committee (BAC). The composition of the BAC remains the same but he could attend the BAC meetings as a member of the public.

Marjorie Malcolm was asked to email the trustees a copy of the listing of the 2014 Board Committees.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Joel Marcus and seconded by Josie Pizer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller
Acting Secretary – Board of Trustees