

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 30, 2017 AND JANUARY 30, 2018**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017**

The Annual Meeting/Election of the Great Neck Library Association was held on Monday, October 30, 2017 for the purpose of voting to fill two expiring seats on the Board of Trustees (Marietta DiCamillo and Michael Fuller) and two expiring seats on the Nominating Committee (Marie Franzoni and Omer Soykan, who resigned and Marianna Wohlgemuth was placed as interim member).

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Treasurer Francine 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 Road Great Neck, New York 11021, 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 30, 2018.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018**

The Annual Re-Organization Meeting was convened at 7:36 p.m. at the Main Branch of the Great Neck Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, New York 11023. The Agenda is attached.

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

Robert Schaufeld - President  
Joel Marcus – Vice President  
Michael Fuller - Secretary  
Marietta DiCamillo - Treasurer  
Rebecca Miller – Assistant Treasurer  
Josie Pizer - Trustee

Also present: Tracy Geiser – Interim Director  
Steven Kashkin – Business Manager

The attendance sheet is appended to these Minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Schaufeld called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

**WELCOMING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT**

President Schaufeld welcomed all in attendance. He read the following statement aloud:

*Welcome to the annual reorganization meeting of the Great Neck Library. This past year has been one of transition. We have completed our first year back in the newly renovated Main Library and although it has been a success there remain some issues for us to deal with. The library programs have been well received and well attended. The staff contract has been negotiated and ratified, which was the high point of the past year. We are also looking forward to the renovations of the Parkville and Station branches this year. A space planner has been hired to work with us on this and we are very excited to get started.*

## **MINUTES**

**Upon motion by Michael Fuller, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library approve the Minutes of the October 31, 2016, Annual Meeting/Election and January 24, 2017, Annual Re-Organization Meeting, as presented.

**VOTE:** Yes 6 (Schaufeld, Marcus, Fuller, DiCamillo, Miller, Pizer)

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **REPORTS**

Reports from the President, Treasurer and Interim Director are in the Annual Report attached to these minutes.

## **PRESENTATION TO RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Board, President Schaufeld thanked Marie Franzoni, Omer Soykan and Marianna Wohlgemuth for their contributions to the Nominating Committee. Those in attendance were presented Certificates of Appreciation which read as follows: *In appreciation of your diligent and dedicated service to the Great Neck Library, your leadership role in the community, your integrity, and your professional manner.*

## **PRESENTATION TO RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

On behalf of the Board, President Schaufeld thanked Marietta DiCamillo and Michael Fuller for their contributions to the Board of Trustees. Those in attendance were presented Certificates of Appreciation which read as follows: *In appreciation of your diligent and dedicated service to the Great Neck Library, your leadership role in the community, your integrity, and your professional manner.*

Resigned Board of Trustees Member, Francine Ferrante Krupski, was not in attendance but was thanked and acknowledged.

President Schaufeld then read the following statement aloud:

*The departure of Marietta, Michael and Francine, represents a major change to this Board. They have individually and collectively been a driving force for the betterment of the Great Neck Library. They will be missed and will leave a void which will be felt for some time as we move forward. The renovated Main Library will serve for years to come as a reminder of their many accomplishments.*

*Working with and learning from them has been an experience I will not forget. No problem was insurmountable. There was always respect and cooperation. During the past three years, there were numerous debates, but conflict always lead to compromise and amicable solutions.*

*I will miss Francine's wisdom gained from her years as a school principal. She always spoke her mind and was true to her opinions.*

*Fuller, you always found a way to lighten the atmosphere when discussions became too serious. Under your committee leadership, each branch has developed a unique personality and has flourished.*

*Marietta, I will miss you most of all. We owe you so much. As the former president, outgoing treasurer, chair of finance and personnel committees, you insured that everything was done properly. You made the welfare of the library, its staff and patrons your highest priority. You are the memory, heart and conscience of the library.*

*We appreciate how devoted you all have been to our continued success.*

*Finally, I am delighted to welcome Denise Corcoran, as our new director. Denise will begin with a new board and together we hope to do wonderful things at the Great Neck Library.*

Marietta DiCamillo then read the following statement aloud:

*I would like to give this board a round of applause for what we have managed to do over the last four years. We made a building and it's a beautiful building. I would also like to thank Tracy, Holly and Steve who with the three of you this board has been able to accomplish a great deal.*

*Denise (Corcoran) I am so delighted that you have decided to join our library. I know that under your direction the library is going to take off. I have all the newsletters from 1984 through current and I am giving them all to you. Looking through the newsletters brought back a lot of memories. I remember staff who made and continue to make this library great. Some are no longer here... they have retired, resigned or passed away. Harriett Fargnoli, Jonathan Aubrey and Ruth Klement come immediately to mind.*

*I don't regret the hundreds of hours spent making this library the best there is (or at least attempting to) by striving to get the Main library renovated, improving programming and getting better computerization. I have and continue to love this library.*

*In closing I quote Laura Bush - "I have found that the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card."*

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

## **BRIEF INTERMISSION-NEW BOARD CONVENES**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The new Board reconvened at 7:55 p.m. at which time President Schaufeld warmly welcomed new trustees Dr. Barry Smith and Weihua Yan.

#### **(a) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

##### President

Rebecca Miller nominated Robert Schaufeld. There were no other nominations. *Robert Schaufeld was unanimously elected President.*

##### Vice President

Josie Pizer nominated Rebecca Miller. No other nominations were received. *Rebecca Miller was unanimously elected Vice President.*

Secretary

Josie Pizer nominated Weihua Yan. There were no other nominations. *Weihua Yan was unanimously elected Secretary.*

Treasurer

Rebecca Miller nominated Josie Pizer. There were no other nominations. *Josie Pizer was unanimously elected Treasurer.*

Assistant Treasurer

Robert Schaufeld nominated Joel Marcus. There were no other nominations. *Joel Marcus was unanimously elected Assistant Treasurer.*

Assistant Treasurer

Joel Marcus nominated Barry Smith. There were no other nominations. *Barry Smith was unanimously elected Assistant Treasurer.*

**(b) 2018/2019 BOARD MEETING DATES**

**Upon motion by Rebecca Miller seconded by Josie Pizer, 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 2018/2019 [below].

2018

February 27 - Main

March 6 (Budget Workshop)- Main

March 12 (Monday) (Budget Workshop) - Main

March 20 - Station

April 3 (Budget Hearing & Adoption) – Main

April 24 - Main

May 14 (Monday) – Lakeville

June 19 – Main

September 12 (Wednesday) – Main

October 23 – Parkville

October 29 (Monday) Annual Meeting/Election 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Main & Parkville

November 13 – Main

December 18 – Main

2019

January 15 – Main

January 29 – Annual Re-Organization Meeting - Main

**VOTE:** Yes 6 (Schaufeld, Miller, Yan, Pizer, Marcus, Smith)

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

July 24 – Station  
August 21 – Parkville

**(c) BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

2018 Committee Assignments:

<p><b><u>BRANCH</u></b> Josie Pizer Robert Schaufeld [C] Barry Smith Weihua Yan Denise Corcoran Tracy Geiser Justin Crossfox Irene Winkler Alana Mutum Charles Wohlgemuth</p>	<p><b><u>LONG RANGE PLANNING</u></b> Joel Marcus [C] Rebecca Miller Josie Pizer Robert Schaufeld Barry Smith Weihua Yan Trustee-TBD Denise Corcoran Donna Litke Adam Hinz Tracy Geiser Steven Kashkin Adult Service Coordinator Technology Svcs Coordinator</p>	<p><b><u>POLICY &amp; BYLAWS</u></b> Joel Marcus [C] Robert Schaufeld Rebecca Miller Weihua Yan Steven Kashkin Jen Green Tracy Geiser Denise Corcoran</p>	<p><b><u>FINANCE</u></b> Joel Marcus Barry Smith Josie Pizer [C] Robert Schaufeld Steven Kashkin Denise Corcoran Tracy Geiser</p>
<p><b><u>MAIN BUILDING</u></b> Rebecca Miller [C] Robert Schaufeld Barry Smith Weihua Yan Denise Corcoran Tracy Geiser Steven Kashkin Charles Wohlgemuth Holly Coscetta Marianna Wohlgemuth Alice Merwin Marietta DiCamillo</p>	<p><b><u>FUNDRAISING</u></b> Joel Marcus Rebecca Miller Josie Pizer Robert Schaufeld Barry Smith Weihua Yan [C] Trustee-TBD Denise Corcoran Tracy Geiser Steven Kashkin Donna Litke Holly Coscetta</p>	<p><b><u>PERSONNEL</u></b> Joel Marcus Rebecca Miller Josie Pizer [C] Robert Schaufeld Denise Corcoran Tracy Geiser Holly Coscetta</p>	

**OPEN TIME**

Naomi Penner: Thank you Board of Trustees

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Joel Marcus and seconded by Josie Pizer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Weihua Yan  
Secretary, Board of Trustees