

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
October 31, 2005 and January 17, 2006**

The Annual Meeting of the Great Neck Library Association was held at the offices of the Great Neck Library on Monday, October 31, 2005, and Tuesday, January 17, 2006. (Agenda attached).

Monday, October 31, 2005

President Linda Cohen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, October 31, 2005, for the purpose of voting for two members of the Board of Trustees, two members of the Nominating Committee and one amendment to the Bylaws.

Voting in person took place from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Main Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, NY, and in the Parkville Branch at 10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park, NY. After the closing of polls at 10:00 p.m., the Annual Re-organization Meeting was recessed until January 17, 2006.

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

The Annual Re-organization Meeting was held at 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at the offices of the Great Neck Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, NY.

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

Linda Cohen, President
David Kahn, Vice President
Joyce Klein, Secretary
William Morrill, Treasurer
Alice Nayer, Assistant Treasurer
Bette Weidman, Assistant Treasurer
Norman Rutta

Also present: Arlene Nevens, Library Director
Laura Weir, Assistant Director
Neil Zitofsky, Business Manager

Attendance sheet is attached to these Minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

President Linda Cohen called the re-organization portion of the annual meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

ELECTION RESULTS

Secretary Klein reported on the October 31st election results as follows:

Board of Trustees

William Morrill – 995 votes
Marietta DiCamillo – 1036 votes

Marsha Vinson Rotman – 689 votes
Martin Sokol – 1175 votes

Bylaw Amendment

The proposition to change the record date from the 1st Tuesday in September to the 1st Monday in October was passed by the necessary two-thirds majority of 530 votes to 77 votes.

Nominating Committee

Edith Auguste – 849 votes
Brian Dobkin – 1065 votes

Bruce Dilmanian – 739 votes
Deborah Rabizadeh – 1119 votes

Marietta DiCamillo and Martin Sokol were welcomed to the Board of Trustees and Brian Dobkin and Deborah Rabizadeh to the Nominating Committee.

William Morrill, Alice Nayer, Doris Master and Lawrence Gerzog were thanked for their hard work on behalf of the Library and hope they will stay interested and involved in the Library. Marsha Vinson Rotman, Bruce Dilmanian and Edith Auguste were also thanked for their willingness to serve.

MINUTES

Upon motion by William Morrill, seconded by Joyce Klein, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2004 and January 18, 2005, Annual Meeting, as presented.

VOTE: Yes – 7 (Cohen, Kahn, Klein, Morrill, Nayer, Rutta, Weidman)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

The Annual Report, containing the text of the President, Treasurer and Director's reports, is appended.

PRESENTATION

A plaque was presented to our own children's librarian, Harriett Fagnoli, for winning the New York Times Librarian of the Year Award. Harriett, in her acceptance speech, publicly thanked the Board of Trustees and the Library Director for helping to create an environment where staff can flourish and shine, and also Children's Department Head Lisa Paulo, her colleagues, the community and nine year-old Jonah Klempner, who nominated her, to make the Great Neck Library a great place to work. She encouraged the new Board of Trustees to deliberate wisely and collegially on the many issues that will face them – not the least of which is the fate of the main building and a very needed renovation. She is hopeful that we will not only have a "Librarian of the Year" but a "Library of the Year." The Library itself received an award from the New York Times in recognition of this achievement and the plaque will be hung in the Children's Room.

President Cohen presented plaques, on behalf of the Trustees, to retiring members of the Board of Trustees, William Morrill and Alice Nayer, for their service to the Great Neck Library. Nominating Committee members, Lawrence Gerzog, Doris Master and Silvia Akerman, were not present to receive their plaques. President Linda Cohen, on behalf of the trustees, thanked them all for their hard work. Following this, there was a brief intermission to allow the incoming trustees to take their seats.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Klein
Secretary

NEW BUSINESS

Marietta DiCamillo and Martin Sokol were welcomed to the Board of Trustees with a great deal of warmth.

a) Election of Officers

President Linda Cohen called for nominations for Officers.

President - Linda Cohen nominated David Kahn, seconded by Joyce Klein.
YES – 4 (Cohen, Klein, Sokol, Weidman);
ABSTENTION – 2 (DiCamillo, Rutta). David Kahn was elected President.

Newly-elected President David Kahn continued with the nomination for officers.

Vice President - Norman Rutta nominated Joyce Klein, seconded by Bette Weidman. Joyce Klein was unanimously elected Vice President.

Secretary - Linda Cohen nominated Bette Weidman, seconded by Martin Sokol. Bette Weidman was unanimously elected Secretary.

Treasurer - Linda Cohen nominated Norma Rutta, seconded by Martin Sokol. Norman Rutta was unanimously elected Treasurer.

Asst. Treasurer - Linda Cohen nominated Marietta DiCamillo, seconded by Joyce Klein. Marietta DiCamillo was unanimously elected Assistant Treasurer.

Asst. Treasurer - David Kahn nominated Martin Sokol. Martin Sokol declined. Marietta DiCamillo nominated Linda Cohen, seconded by Joyce Klein. Linda Cohen was unanimously elected Assistant Treasurer.

b) 2006/2007 Meeting Dates

The Board, on a motion by Linda Cohen, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo, unanimously approved the following calendar for its meetings for 2006/2007:

Tuesday, February 28, 2006
Tuesday, March 14 – Budget Workshop
Tuesday, March 28 – Board Meeting/Budget Workshop
Tuesday, April 4 – Budget Adoption
Tuesday, April 25
Tuesday, May 23 (Parkville)
Tuesday, June 27
Tuesday, September 19
Thursday, October 24
Monday, October 30 – Annual Meeting/Voting
Tuesday, November 28 (Parkville)

Tuesday, December 19
Tuesday, January 23, 2007
Tuesday, January 30, 2007 – Annual Re-organization Meeting

c) Board Elected Members to the Nominating Committee

There were two vacant Board-elected positions on the Nominating Committee for a one-year term beginning January 2006 and ending January 2007. Applications were received from Jay Confino, Naomi Feldheim, Steven Hirsh, Robert Mendelson and Rebecca Sassouni. Trustees Rutta and DiCamillo respectively motioned and seconded for the Board to go into executive session to discuss the applicants. All the trustees were in favor of the motion. The Board went into executive session at 8:50 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:33 p.m. Ballots were distributed to the trustees after which they were tallied.

Linda Cohen, David Kahn, and Bette Weidman voted in the affirmative to re-elect Rebecca Sassouni for another one-year term; Robert Mendelson was elected for a one-year term by votes from David Kahn, Joyce Klein, Norman Rutta, and Martin Sokol.

OPEN TIME

Jo Ann Farley, Ralene Adler, and Jay Confino spoke during Open Time.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by David Kahn, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Weidman
Secretary