

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2010 AND JANUARY 25, 2011**

The Annual Meeting/Election of the Great Neck Library Association was held at the offices of the Great Neck Library on Monday, October 25, 2010, and the Re-Organization Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2011. (Agenda attached).

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Andrew Greene at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, October 25, 2010, for the purpose of voting for two members of the Board of Trustees and two members of the Nominating Committee.

Voting in person took place from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Main Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, New York, and in the Parkville Branch at 10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park, New York. After the closing of polls at 10:00 p.m., the Annual Re-Organization Meeting was recessed until January 25, 2011.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011**

The Annual Re-Organization Meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at the offices of the Great Neck Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, New York.

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

Andrew Greene – President  
Anna Kaplan – Vice President  
Janet Eshaghoff – Secretary  
Marietta DiCamillo – Treasurer  
Varda Solomon – Assistant Treasurer  
Josie Pizer – Asst. Treasurer  
Martin Sokol

Also present:                      Jane B. Marino – Library Director  
    Laura Weir – Assistant Director  
    Neil Zitofsky – Business Manager

The attendance sheet is appended to these minutes.

## CALL TO ORDER

President Greene called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., and welcomed everyone. Retiring from the Board after four years, Trustee Greene recounted some of the achievements of the Board. During his tenure as Trustee, the direction and the tone of the Board of Trustees have changed to a commonality of purpose, and a sense of congeniality and consensus building. The Trustees worked together in trying to make decisions collectively, and in a civil and respectful manner. He is very proud of this great accomplishment which leads the groundwork for three of the most significant achievements of the Board namely:

- Hired Jane Marino as Library Director;
- Financing the new Station Branch without raising taxes, as well as selecting the site and an architect;
- Main Building Renovation/Expansion – the Board came to a consensus as to what has to be done and the best presentation was put forward at the BZA hearing, and if successful, the next big step is moving forward to referendum. He is confident that the Board will do the necessary outreach to inform the community in order for them to make hopefully the right decision.

On a personal note, he enjoyed working with all the members of the Board and the Administrative staff. Together, they have accomplished a great deal and the Board is on the cusp of continuing that process. He is leaving with a lot of sadness but also with a lot of hopefulness and is confident that all the consensus-building and great work done over the last four years are going to continue.

## MINUTES

Upon motion by Varda Solomon, 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 26, 2009, Annual Meeting and January 26, 2010, Annual Re-Organization Meeting, as presented.

**VOTE:** Yes 7 (DiCamillo, Eshaghoff, Greene, Kaplan, Pizer, Solomon, Sokol)  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## ELECTION RESULTS

Trustee Solomon explained that she was appointed to serve as acting Secretary for the Election/Annual Meeting since Secretary Eshaghoff was running for re-election. Below is the text of her report.

The Library's annual election on October 25, 2010, was uncontested. On the ballot, there were two seats for the Board of Trustees (Janet Eshaghoff and Andrew Greene) and two for the Nominating Committee (Hadassa Legatt and Linda Cohen).

Janet Eshaghoff ran for her seat and received 218 votes and was re-elected. Joel Marcus ran for the seat of Andrew Greene and was elected with 227 votes. Both seats are for a four-year term expiring in January 2015.

Naomi Feldheim was elected with 230 votes to replace Linda Cohen and she will serve for a two-year term until January 2013. Joan Adickman ran for the seat of Hadassa Legatt and was elected with 218 votes. Her term on the Nominating Committee will expire in January 2014.

On behalf of my fellow colleagues on the Board, I congratulate Janet on her re-election and welcome Joel Marcus to the Board of Trustees. We look forward to working together as we serve our entire community of Great Neck and New Hyde Park.

We also want to welcome both Naomi Feldheim and Joan Adickman to the Nominating Committee.

To our outgoing members, Andrew Greene – our current President of the Board of Trustees, Linda Cohen and Hadassa Legatt, thank you for all your hard work. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

## **REPORTS**

The President, Director and Treasurer did not read their reports but copies were provided for the public. The annual report, containing the text of these reports, is appended to these Minutes.

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

President Greene presented Hadassah Legatt with a certificate of appreciation for her work on the Nominating Committee for these past three years. Andrea Kay and Linda Cohen were unable to attend.

Vice President Kaplan presented President Greene, who is retiring after four years on the Board, with a certificate of appreciation and stated that it was wonderful working with him for these past four years. She praised him for his ability in listening to and hearing the community. She hoped he will continue to serve the community as well as attending Board meetings.

Director Marino presented President Greene with a framed photograph of himself and Mayor Celender cutting the ribbon for the grand re-opening of the new Station Branch.

The Trustees also commended him for the consensus among the Trustees that he was able to attain as well as being a stabilizer on the Board. He was also applauded for how well he ran the meetings as well as achieving more community involvement.

*Public Comment: Ralene Adler*

## **BRIEF INTERMISSION**

Vice President Kaplan called for an intermission at 8:00 p.m. to 8:03 p.m. to allow new Trustee Joel Marcus to be seated.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Eshaghoff  
Secretary

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### a) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

*Vice President Kaplan called for nominations for President.*

#### President

Josie Pizer nominated Janet Eshaghoff, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo. There were no other nominations. *Janet Eshaghoff was unanimously elected President.*

*Newly-elected President Eshaghoff called for nominations for all the other officers.*

#### Vice President

Marietta DiCamillo nominated Anna Kaplan, seconded by Josie Pizer. No other nominations were received. *Anna Kaplan was unanimously elected Vice President.*

#### Treasurer

Marietta DiCamillo nominated Varda Solomon, seconded by Josie Pizer. There were no other nominations. *Varda Solomon was unanimously elected Treasurer.*

#### Assistant Treasurer

Janet Eshaghoff nominated Marietta DiCamillo, seconded by Anna Kaplan. There were no other nominations. *Marietta DiCamillo was unanimously elected Assistant Treasurer.*

#### Assistant Treasurer

Anna Kaplan nominated Josie Pizer, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo. There were no other nominations. *Josie Pizer was unanimously elected Assistant Treasurer.*

#### Secretary

Marietta DiCamillo nominated Joel Marcus, seconded by Anna Kaplan. There were no other nominations. *Joel Marcus was unanimously elected Secretary.*

### b) 2011/2012 BOARD MEETING DATES

**Upon motion by Anna Kaplan, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library accept the calendar for its meetings for 2011/2012 as amended.

February 15 – Board Meeting – Community Room

March 8 – Budget Workshop – Multi-Purpose Room

March 22 – Board Meeting/Budget Workshop – Community Room

April 14 (Thursday) – Board Meeting/Budget Hearing & Adoption – Community Room

May 19 [changed from May 24] – Board Meeting – Station Branch

June 21 – Board Meeting – Community Room  
September 15 [changed from September 15] – Board Meeting – Community Room  
October 18 – Board Meeting – Community Room  
October 31 (Monday) – Annual Meeting/Election – Main & Parkville  
November 22 – Board Meeting – Parkville Branch  
December 15 [changed from 12/13] – Board Meeting – Community Room  
January 17, 2012 – Board Meeting – Community Room  
January 24 – Annual Re-Organization – Community Room

**VOTE:** Yes 7 (DiCamillo, Eshaghoff, Kaplan, Marcus, Pizer, Sokol, Solomon)  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

c) BOARD ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Upon motion by Joel Marcus, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library elect Marie Franzoni for a one-year term on the Nominating Committee ending January 2012.

**VOTE:** Yes 7 (DiCamillo, Eshaghoff, Kaplan, Marcus, Pizer, Sokol, Solomon)  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Upon motion by Joel Marcus, seconded by Varda Solomon, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library elect Timothy Lewis for a one-year term on the Nominating Committee ending January 2012.

**VOTE:** Yes 7 (DiCamillo, Eshaghoff, Kaplan, Marcus, Pizer, Sokol, Solomon)  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Director Marino provided to all the Trustees handouts of parliamentary procedures designed to help the Board to conduct smooth meetings.

The Trustees were asked to let President Eshaghoff know what committees they would like to serve on since Branch Committee appointments will be made at the February 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

## **OPEN TIME**

*No comments*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Marcus  
Secretary