

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
October 27, 2008 and January 27, 2009**

The Annual Meeting of the Great Neck Library Association was held at the offices of the Great Neck Library on Monday, October 27, 2008, and Tuesday, January 27, 2009. (Agenda attached).

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2008**

President Martin Sokol called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, October 27, 2008, 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 27, 2009.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009**

The Annual Re-Organization Meeting was convened at 8:10 p.m., on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, 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:

Martin Sokol – President  
Andrew Greene – Vice President  
Linda Cohen – Secretary  
Marietta DiCamillo – Treasurer  
Janet Eshaghoff – Assistant Treasurer  
Anna Kaplan – Assistant Treasurer  
Norman Rutta – Treasurer

Also present:

Laura Weir – Interim Library Director  
Neil Zitofsky – Business Manager

[The attendance sheet is appended to these minutes.]

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Sokol called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

## MINUTES

Upon motion by Norman Rutta, 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 29, 2007, Annual Meeting and January 29, 2008, Annual Re-Organization Meeting, as presented.

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

## ELECTION RESULTS

Secretary Linda Cohen reported that the Library's election on October 27, 2008, was uncontested. On the ballot, there were two seats for the Board of Trustees, held by Linda Cohen and Norman Rutta, and two on the Nominating Committee held by Deborah Chadow and Brian Dobkin that were up for election.

### Board of Trustees

Josie Pizer ran for the expiring seat of Linda Cohen and received 307 votes while Varda Solomon running unopposed for the seat of Norman Rutta received 320 votes.

### Nominating Committee

Stacee Bernstein ran for Deborah Chadow's seat and received 315 votes, while Julius Mendel who ran for Brian Dobkin's seat obtained 312 votes.

She congratulated everyone.

## REPORTS

The annual report, containing the text of the President, Treasurer and Director's reports, is appended to these Minutes.

In addition to his written report, President Sokol personally thanked each Trustee individually for their acumen and also for the many hours spent serving on the Board.

Trustee Greene – for his outstanding leadership as the Building Committee Chair, who possesses a fine mind and has done a great job.

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Janet Eshaghoff – while attending night school to become a lawyer, and caring for four children, juggled her time in order to attend library meetings. She was wished good luck in passing her bar exam.

Trustee DiCamillo, Treasurer – serves as a financial guard of the Library's money, and as a result, the public can be at ease that the library's money is being watched.

Trustee Kaplan – for her smart judgment, who works hard behind the scene without wanting recognition. She has great ideas, a superior analytic mind and is a wonderful asset to the Great Neck Library.

Trustee Rutta, a professional accountant – for lending his accounting skills to the Library. In all his four years served he never missed a meeting. He was thanked for his contributions.

Trustee Cohen, who has served the most number of years – an invaluable asset to the Library and will be missed by all. Her library wisdom was almost a legend. She's been a great source for well thought out ideas and solutions.

Vice President Greene, in turn, thanked President Sokol for his hard work and effort for what he has accomplished. He was commended for the articulateness of his presentation.

Thanks also went to the Interim Library Director Laura Weir, Business Manager Neil Zitofsky and Marjorie Malcolm, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, the staff and the public.

*Public Comments: Stanley Romaine*

## **PRESENTATION**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, President Sokol thanked and presented certificates of appreciation to Daniel Nachmanoff and Sandra Salat, for their service as Board appointees to the Nominating Committee for a one-year term. Deborah Chadow [formerly Rabizadeh] and Brian Dobkin, retiring members of the Nominating Committee, were not present to receive their certificates.

Trustee Rutta, retiring after four years on the Board, was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a gift by President Sokol. Trustee Rutta served in various positions as treasurer, and member of the Branch, Building, Personnel and Policy/Bylaws Committees. The Library is appreciative to have had a certified public accountant serving as its treasurer. He watched the library's money carefully and scrutinized the library budget. During his tenure as treasurer, he did not impose any tax increase. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, he was thanked for his service these past four years and was wished continued success.

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Trustee Cohen, retiring after eight years, was also presented with a certificate of appreciation and a gift by President Sokol in recognition of her service on the Board of Trustees in the capacity as vice president, president, assistant treasurer, and secretary. She chaired the Policy/Building Committees and sat on the Branch, Main Library "Ad Hoc" and Personnel Committees. She has earned the respect of every trustee and the public. Her calm personality, incisive intellect, and library experience will be sorely missed by trustees. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, she was thanked for her valuable service and contributions to the Library.

Trustee Cohen asked everyone to be reminiscent of the wonderful institution they are involved with. As an example of this, she related a story she heard tonight that the person who won the grand prize for cinematography at Sundance got his start at Levels. She concluded by saying thanks to all and it's been an experience.

Following this, there was a brief intermission at 8:45 p.m. to allow the incoming Trustees to take their seats.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cohen, Secretary

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### a) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board reconvened at 8:55 p.m. at which time President Sokol welcomed new Trustees Josie Pizer and Varda Solomon to the Board. He then called for the election of President.

#### **President**

Andrew Greene nominated Martin Sokol, seconded by Varda Solomon. There were no other nominations. *Martin Sokol was unanimously re-elected President for a second term.*

#### **Vice President**

Marietta DiCamillo nominated Andrew Greene, seconded by Anna Kaplan. No other nominations were received. *Andrew Greene was unanimously re-elected Vice President for a second term*

#### **Treasurer**

Andrew Greene nominated Marietta DiCamillo, seconded by Varda Solomon. There were no other nominations. *Marietta DiCamillo was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for a second term.*

#### **Asst. Treasurer**

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

#### **Asst. Treasurer**

Janet Eshaghoff nominated Anna Kaplan, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo. There were no other nominations. *Anna Kaplan was unanimously re-elected Assistant Treasurer for a second term.*

#### **Secretary**

Andrew Greene nominated Janet Eshaghoff, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo. There were no other nominations. *Janet Eshaghoff was unanimously elected Secretary.*

### b) 2009/2010 MEETING DATES

**Upon motion by Marietta DiCamillo, seconded by Varda Solomon, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library accept the [following] calendar for its meetings for 2009/2010:

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Thursday, February 26 – Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 17 – Budget Workshop  
Tuesday, March 24 – Board Meeting/Budget Workshop  
Tuesday, April 21 – Board Meeting/Budget Hearing & Adoption  
Tuesday, May 19 – Board Meeting – Parkville Branch  
Tuesday, June 23 – Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 22 – Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 20 – Board Meeting  
Monday, October 26 – Annual Meeting/Election – Main & Parkville  
Tuesday, November 24 – Board Meeting – Parkville Branch  
Tuesday, December 22 – Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 19, 2010 – Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 26 – Annual Re-Organization Meeting

The above calendar was amended to change the meeting dates from Thursday, February 26 to Wednesday, February 25 and from Tuesday, March 24 to Thursday, March 26.

**Upon motion by Marietta DiCamillo, seconded by Varda Solomon, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library accept the calendar for its meetings for 2009/2010 as amended.

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

c) BOARD ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There were two vacant Board-elected positions on the Nominating Committee for a one-year term from January 2009 to January 2010.

**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 appoint Daniel Nachmanoff for a one-year term on the Nominating Committee commencing January 2009 and ending January 2010.

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

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**Upon motion by Josie Pizer, seconded by Andrew Greene, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library appoint Sandra Salat for a one-year term on the Nominating Committee commencing January 2009 and ending January 2010.

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

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustees were reminded that President Sokol would be making appointments to the various Board committees at the February Board meeting and they should email him with their preferences on which committees – Branch, Building, Personnel, Policy & Bylaws – they would like to serve.

## **OPEN TIME**

*Speaking: Stanley Romaine*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Marietta DiCamillo and seconded by Andrew Greene, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Eshaghoff  
Secretary