

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Skaneateles Library Association**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**November 12, 2019**

**Present:**

President Dave Hempson, Vice President Susanne Guske, Treasurer Andrew Hagen, Secretary Bob Lotkowitz, Trustees Paula Conan, Danette Davis, Scott Elia, Karen Morrissey Bedard, Larry Palmieri, Amanda Latreille, Dave Lee, Todd Marshall, Amy Roller, and Laurie Spencer. The Library Director Nickie Marquis and Assistant Library Director Deanna King were in attendance.

**Absent:**

Trustee Manny Arroyo

**General:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Hempson.

There were no corrections or objections and the October 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved.

**Public Comment:**

There were several comments by the public and other discussion.

**President's Report:**

President Hempson reviewed the decision process and next steps to determine the future of the library building project. He said the Library Board of Directors (BOD) reviewed the need for additional space as well as community expectations from the past meetings and charettes. He said the BOD approved a Long Range Plan that highlighted what needs to be done in the next 3 to 5 years. The BOD previously decided that doing nothing was not an option. He continued to say the BOD has been communicating to the public via newspaper articles, 1 on 1 meetings, and meeting with various groups. Finally, the BOD will need to decide next month on how the needs of the Library will be met – either renovate and build an addition or build a new building in another location.

President Hempson also discussed the status of the nominating committee and the further expansion of the board.

**Director's Report:**

Director Marquis provided an overview of October and year-to-date activities and statistics. She mentioned, in general, all the numbers were up over the previous year. Director Marquis said the Owasco Little Free Library will be installed in front of the Owasco Market. The owner of the

market was delighted with the concept. Finally, the damage caused by the cyber attack on the OCPL was not fully corrected yet.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Hagen reviewed the monthly financial reports. He said we the Library has not received all of the public funding and that we expect \$25,000 more from the School Board.

**Communications Committee:**

Vice President Guske reviewed a power point that highlighted the review of the process to determine the two potential options to meet the needs of the library. She would like to share the info with other organizations. She asked if board members could provide names of potential organizations to committee members. Also, she asked board members what was needed to complete the presentation – what was missing? There was discussion by board and the committee heard suggestions of items to be included in the presentation.

**Barrow Update:**

Trustee Conan gave an update on the Barrow Management Committee. She noted the Annual Fund drive is ongoing and doing very well despite the ambitious goal that was set. She mentioned the Barrow was not publicly funded but is 501C3 not-for-profit that depends on donations to preserve and sustain the collection. She also mentioned the Chamber Event was a success and was attended by members of the Library BOD.

The next Barrow board meeting is November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. in Library Hall.

**Public Comment:**

There were several comments by the public and other discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

Submitted by,  
Bob Lotkowitz, Secretary