

MEETING MINUTES
Skaneateles Library Association
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 10, 2019

Present:

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

Absent:

None

General:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Hempson.

Public Comment:

There were 18 residents that provided public comments, specifically regarding the decision on the board's agenda, whether to renovate the existing library building or build a new facility on a different site, and other discussion.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

There were no corrections or objections and the October 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved.

President's Report:

President Hempson reviewed the decision process and next steps to determine the future of the library building project. He said tonight there would be two votes put to the BOD. The first vote would ask if the BOD would like to renovate the existing building. The second vote would ask the BOD to approve a new facility and keep the existing building for the Gallery and other appropriate uses designed to benefit the community.

Motion #1:

A motion to expand and renovate the current Library building to the fullest extent possible at the 49 East Genesee Street site was proposed by Larry Palmieri and seconded by Bob Lotkowitz.

There was a round table discussion and input by the BOD. Each board member was given the opportunity to express their opinion regarding this motion.

The vote was called and there was one yes (Bob Lotkowitz) and the remainder no. The motion did not carry.

Motion #2:

A motion that, with the understanding that the Library intends to retain ownership and control over the existing building at 49 East Genesee Street, to build a new home for the Library in a new facility at a yet-to-be-determined location was proposed by Laurie Spencer and seconded by Todd Marshall.

There was a round table discussion, each trustee was again provided an opportunity to provide their opinion.

The vote was called and this motion was unanimously approved by the BOD.

Nominating Committee:

President Hempson also discussed the status of the nominating committee and the slate of candidates.

Director's Report:

Director Marquis provided an overview of November and year-to-date activities and statistics. She mentioned the Library collected over \$1600 from the book sale during the 1st weekend of Dicken's Christmas.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Hagen reviewed the monthly financial reports. It was mentioned the Library will look into getting a quote for a chair lift to help solve the accessibility problems for the short term.

Public Comment:

There were several comments by the public and other discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 30th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by,
Bob Lotkowitz, Secretary