



## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025**

**Officers Present:** President Dave Hempson, Secretary Kathryn Carlson, Treasurer Maura Molnar

**Trustees:** Manny Arroyo, Karen Bedard, Jennifer Feeney, Kristin LaBeau, Bob Lotkowitz, Larry Palmieri, Cristina Pietropaoli, Amy Rolleri, Meghann Sandak, Paul Torrisi, Jr.

**Staff:** Assistant Director Andea Snyder

**Absent:** Vice President Katie Armijo, Susanne Guske, Ralph DeMasi, Stephen McClintic, Library Director Nickie Marquis

**Members of the Public:** none

**Call to order at 6:32 pm**

**Public Comment Period** – none

**Approval of the Minutes** – Minutes from the July 8, 2025 regular board meeting were approved.

### **President's Report**

President Hempson reported that the separation petition had been delivered to the Attorney General and it seems to be in good order.

President Hempson called for a resolution from the Board to officially thank the book sale volunteers for their hard work and dedication that resulted in a very successful event. Trustee Arroyo made that motion and Trustee Bedard seconded. The motion was approved unanimously with gratitude from the Board to all concerned.

### **Director's Report**

In the absence of Director Marquis, Assistant Director Snyder reported that the Central Library had been closed because of failed Air Conditioning (A/C). The A/C has been fixed but there is still a backlog in services that has to be cleared up. At the local library, the downstairs A/C is not working and the unit needs to be replaced. The leaking outdoor faucet has been replaced.

The porch tiles which are coming loose will be repaired with epoxy at a cost of \$4000. They will be sealed and this repair should last longer. Non-salt ice melt should be used.

Trustee Rolleri asked that the director's written report break down summer activities and attendance by age range. It was noted that the hardest group to attract to activities is the teen group, possibly due to competition with camps and sports. Data from the summer reading program will be available in the fall.

Trustee Lotkowictz asked if there was a procedure in place for staff to express concerns and for the board to be made aware of such concerns. The governance committee will research if there is such a policy and President Hempson will follow up with Director Marquis.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Molnar reported that the book sale made \$29,134 this year; last year's amount was \$29,917. The Sunday bag sale was very popular and made \$1100 more than last year. \$200 was made on merchandise. Book sales at Dickens made \$3300 and on-line sales are at \$1000.

The balance sheet remains much the same. The two items in Director Marquis' report (A/C and porch) will be covered by money in the general capital account which has \$30K in it.

There are three accounts currently holding funds for the new building. This month saw \$71K come in for the new building and \$16K was spent.

The tax levy money has been spent and this month the book sale money will be used. After this money, expenses will be paid from last year's investment withdrawal.

The investment funds are doing okay. Expenses were up in July due to increases in payroll spending, the purchase of more for the collection and more programming in the summer. The OCPL dues were also paid in July.

### **Fund-Raising Update**

President Hempson reported that the public campaign will start in September. Capital Campaign Director Erin McCormack has put together a week-by-week schedule of events and activities and will need board members to help in implementation. Board members asked for week-by-week talking points so they can answer questions. Board members are urged to familiarize themselves with the microsite.

Capital Campaign Director McCormack has scheduled two Major Donor Symposiums, one at 6:30 Tuesday August 26 and one at 2:00 Thursday August 28. Attendees will be given the latest updates on the building project and the finances, and will be asked to help plan on how to bridge the final financial gap (e.g., bond issue or additional major donations). The goal is to have the funding in place to be able to break ground next year.

### **Barrow Art Gallery**

Trustee Roller reported that there has been a lot of activity at the Barrow. One Friday saw 40 people at the gallery. There is an event on August 28 at Skaneateles Fields for Barrow members

### **Fennell Street New building Committee**

The architects and construction manager will give the building committee the latest cost estimates. The current estimate is \$15.5M. President Hempson has been in informal contact with the village planning board and does not anticipate any further difficulty there. Trustees are urged to find community members to write letters of support to the Press. Letters are limited to 500 words. All board members are asked to have made a contribution this year toward the building project.

### **Motion to Approve Agreement of Merger**

*In support of a Petition for Merger of the Skaneateles Library Association Education Corporation and the Skaneateles Library Association Not-for-Profit Corporation, with the surviving corporation to be the Education Corporation Chartered by NYS in 2009*

The motion was made by Trustee LaBeau and seconded by Trustee Pietropaoli. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting of the Skaneateles Library Association Education Corporation meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

**Call to order:** A meeting of the directors of the Skaneateles Library Association, a Not-for-Profit Corporation incorporated in 1877 was called to order at 7:16 pm

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The motion was made by Trustee Sandak and seconded by Trustee Bedard. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment Period – none

The meeting of the Skaneateles Library Association, a Not-for-Profit Corporation incorporated in 1877, was adjourned at 7:21 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Skaneateles Library