

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library
December 13, 2021
Scarsdale Public Library

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scarsdale Public Library was held on December 13, 2021 in Meeting Room South.

The following participants were in attendance: Felicia Block, President; Gary Katz, VP; Laura Liu, Financial Officer; Robert Jeremiah, Secretary; Pedro Ladislau, Trustee; Margot Milberg, Trustee; Jordan Copeland, Trustee; Beth Bermel, Library Director; Catherine Callegari, Assistant Director of Patron Services; Justin Arest, Village Trustee Liaison; Dara Gruenberg, FoSL. Ekta Sahni, Trustee, was not in attendance.

Members of the public: Svati Kania Shashank, Louis Fusco, AnnMarie Muolo, and Terry Singer were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of the November 8, 2021 Meeting: A motion was made by Margot Milberg, and seconded by Pedro Ladislau, to approve the November meeting minutes with one edit.

Friends of the Scarsdale Library (FoSL) Report: The landscape master plan presentation was their report.

Director's Report: The closing of the art show and an auction was well attended, with the auction proceeds to be geared for Maker Space supplies. Pedro asked about State Senator Ryan's upcoming visit. Beth is looking forward to sharing our space and plans with him. Pedro asked about the budget and if there is required input from the Board. Beth briefly explained there is a general 2% increase from year to year. She will keep the strategic initiatives in mind while she prepares the budget. The new budget layout will be simpler to follow. Beth does not predict shortfalls. Felicia proposed that we continue to be in touch as Beth enters this new format for the budget season.

President's Report: Felicia noted that she visited the art show and discovered new artists. She encouraged us to attend an upcoming library program in order to explore more about our library.

Landscape Master Plan Presentation: Louis Fusco, of Louis Fusco Architects, presented the Library in the Park plans - including a thoughtful presentation and discussion.

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter was made by Jordan Copeland at 8:55 p.m., and seconded by Laura Liu.

At 9:22 p.m. a motion was made by Gary Katz, and seconded by Jordan Copeland, to exit Executive Session.

Felicia Block adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.