

# **SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, January 11, 2023**

### *Minutes*

#### **ATTENDING**

TRUSTEES: Kate Van Sleet, Ami Feldman, Carla Lillvik, Lamia Mamoon, Janaki Perera, Mark Sternman

GUEST: Eric Willisson, Alyssa True, Brigid Black, Mike Smith

DIRECTOR: Cathy Piantigini

ABSENT: Peter Scheidler

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Van Sleet called the meeting of the Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:04 pm.

#### **MINUTES**

Mark Sternman motioned to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2022, meeting; Ami Feldman seconded, and the minutes were approved.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. Somerville received an increase in state aid for FY2023.
2. Professional development for staff: Upcoming staff training later this month. Trustees are invited to join.
3. Social media policy: Carla Lilvik moves to approve the policy, Lami Mamoon seconded, and the social media policy was approved by a unanimous show of hands.
4. Somerville Public Library Friends Update: Book sale coming up on February 4th and 5th.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. Somerville Public Library Foundation Update: The Foundation is moving forward with the sale of the Mudville property. They have gotten some community grants from foundations and individual gifts. They are moving forward with their literacy initiative for new babies born in Somerville.
2. Google Calendar: Trustees are invited to subscribe to the Google Calendar and add relevant events.
3. By-Laws: Reviewed proposed changes and proposed new ones. A clean copy will be submitted to the Trustees for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **COMMITTEES**

Archives Committee: Presented the updated Trustee page on the SPL website. Discussed how to archive the Trustee minutes for the City of Somerville website. Will review online materials about the relationship between the Trustees, Foundation, and the Friends.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Trustees welcomed two newer library employees - Alyssa True and Brigid Black.
2. Lamia Mamoon and Janaki Perera created a Nominating Committee to solicit names of people who are willing to serve as officers for the Trustees. They will present names at the February meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and no objection, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the Trustees is scheduled to be held on February 8, 2023. The open meeting will take place in the Director's Office at the Central Branch Library.

April Kuehnhoff, Secretary