

Onondaga Free Library
2024 Annual Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2025

Board Attendees: Chris McCarthy, Beth Crump, Margaret Farrell, Charlotte Garofalo, Rob Price, Liz LaRochelle, Pat Forken

Absent:

Staff: Susan Morgan

Other: Diane Leshinski, Yvonne Slate, trustee candidates; Lisa Goodwin, Town of Onondaga Liaison; Amanda Perrine, OCPL Executive Director; Jill Hurst-Wahl OCPL Board Liaison; Steve Dunham, Westhill Central School District Superintendent; Tina Zagya, Assemblymember Hunter's office; Natalie Dardaris, Town of Onondaga Historian

I. Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting

Rob made a motion to accept the minutes; Beth seconded. Everyone in favor. Motion carried.

III. Trustee President Remarks

Chris made introductions. He thanked Susan for all her fantastic work during this past tumultuous year, bringing everyone back to a new normal with great programming for the community. He thanked the Friends of the Library for not only their financial support but all they do. He reviewed the 2024 Annual Report and thanked Susan and Scott for taking the helm running the library with fantastic programming. Scott was not present as he was presenting at the Computers in Libraries Conference in Arlington, Virginia.

IV. Treasurer's Highlights

Margaret reviewed the revenue and expenses from the Annual Report. She noted that the numbers are strong and provided with transparency.

V. Executive Director Highlights

Susan thanked the staff, Board, Friends, Town, and community for their support this past year. She also highlighted community engagement and specifically the Solar Eclipse Grant project and the wonderful turnout.

VI. New Trustee Candidates

Yvonne Slate and Diane Leshinski- 1st term March 2025-March 2027

Rob made a motion to elect Yvonne Slate and Diane Leshinski as new Trustees. Liz seconded. Everyone in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Trustee Term Renewals

Chris McCarthy- 3rd term March 2025-March 2027

Rob Price- 3rd term March 2025-March 2027

Liz LaRochelle- 2nd term March 2025-March 2027

Margaret Farrell- 2nd term March 2025-March 2027

Beth made a motion to accept the new terms; Liz seconded. Everyone in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. Official Slate of Officers

Chris McCarthy President

Beth Crump Vice President

Margaret Farrell Treasurer

Pat Forken Secretary

Rob made a motion to accept the slate of officers; Liz seconded. Everyone in favor. Motion carried.

IX. Miscellaneous

Before ending the meeting Natalie Dardaris, Town of Onondaga Historian, asked to speak about the relationship with the town and the library. As a historian she was very grateful to the CNY Library Resources Council who assisted with digitizing 900 documents the town has from the 1800s. She was able to make contact with a family in Michigan, the Partridge family, who has roots here. They were grateful for the information she was able to provide them.

Chris adjourned the Annual Meeting and invited everyone to have some snacks and mingle before we went into the Regular Board Meeting.