

**Onondaga Free Library
2017 Annual Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2018**

Board Attendees: Dan Pautz; Casey Barduhn; Amy Kremenek; Gary Lucas; Jen Frasier;
Colleen Mahoney; Tom Bradley
Staff: Susan Morgan; Maggie Gall; Alyssa Newton; Chantal Sparkes; Al Oliveras;
Kori Gerbig
Guest: Friends of OFL: Anne Andrianos, John Thornton, Mary Beth Roach, CJ
Sturtevant; Town of Onondaga: Mary Ryan, Don Hamilton, Charlie Petrie;
Onondaga Central Schools Superintendent Rob Price; CLRC Director Marc
Wildman; West Genesee School Librarian Deb Abbott; Community
Members: Albert Metz, Sarah Puff

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.
- II. Approval of minutes from the 2016 annual meeting. Casey made a motion to accept; Dan seconded. All in favor.
- III. President's Remarks
As Dan completes his term as President, he recognized the contributions of Susan and Alyssa and praised their great work. He felt that we are in great shape financially. He also acknowledged the hiring of new staff, specifically Maggie, Kori, and Al. He also acknowledged Chantal's move to a full-time position in marketing. He thanked the community for their continued support.
- IV. Director's Report and Friends Update
Susan presented some highlights from the annual report. There has been a significant circulation increased over the last year thanks to the efforts of the library team. Onondaga Free Library also won the award for Best Library from the Syracuse New Times. Hoopla, an online platform, was added to much success. There has been an increase in our hours of operation that has been met with positivity from the community. And finally, Susan acknowledged the contribution of the Friends of the OFL as they have donated over \$10,000.
Maggie Gall spoke. She began in August and shared her educational experiences. She has helped to develop many new programs and enhanced several existing programs. For example, she began STEAM program with the help of interns. The STEAM Discovery Hour has garnered a lot of interest and they are planning to extend it to younger children.
Al Oliveras began last May. He is originally from Auburn but has been living in the Southern Tier for the last several years. He is very pleased with the staff and has collaboration plans going forward. He wants to utilize Libraries Who Thinks, a tech resource. His previous position was behind the scenes as more of a tech-support. This

position is much more visible and often one on one with our patrons. Interacting with the patrons has been very enjoyable for it now and he looks forward to continuing to help develop our patrons' skills and abilities.

Alyssa thanked the voters for added funds. She shared her experience was with STEAM at Camillus Middle School. Her goal is to make the library a safe and welcoming space for teens. She instituted a six-week program for college and career readiness allowing student to take on leadership roles.

V. Treasurer's Report

Gary entered the position this year. The previous treasure did a really great job organizing the books. Gary pointed to our Annual Report where there is a discrepancy between revenue and expenditure. Expenditure was down due to some small changes such as closures for weather. The long-term goal is to maintain the library for many years to come. Last year there was an audit for the first time. Some suggestions were made (where to keep the lock box, for example) but there was nothing major. As of now, there are no plans to ask for budget increases from the schools, but there is obviously no guarantee.

VI. New Business

Appointment of New Officers: 2 year terms for each, expiring in March 2020:

Casey will take over as our new president. Jen will be vice president. Colleen will be the secretary. Gary will continue on as treasurer and this will count as his first term in office.

New Trustee: Tom Bradley will be added as a new trustee, for his first term expiring in March 2020.

VII. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned to the monthly meeting of the trustees at 6:30 p.m.