

FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Monthly Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2023

I. Call to Order at 6:35 pm

Board Members Present: N. Scott, S. Kosior, S. Taylor, T. Carey, D. Arcieri, A. Dinsmore

Board Members Excused:

Board Members Absent: R. Kamrowski

Also Present: Director Sgombick

Members of the Public: None

II. Minutes

Motion by D. Arcieri seconded by A. Dinsmore to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 monthly meeting as printed.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

III. Announcements and Comments from the Public

IV. Treasurer's Report

Motion by T. Carey seconded by D. Arcieri to accept the financial report for December as printed.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

V. Warrant Schedule for January

Motion by S. Kosior seconded by N. Scott to approve the Warrant Schedule for January as printed.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

VI. Director's Report

Motion by A. Dinsmore seconded by S. Taylor to accept the Director's Report as corrected.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

VII. Communications

- Thank you letter from Florida Community Food Pantry
- Thank you letter to Senator Skoufis.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Finance** – Trustee Scott – 2023-2024 Proposed Budget, see motion below.
- B. Personnel** – Trustee Arcieri - Report for 2023-2024, see motion below
- C. Nominating** – Trustee Taylor. Nothing to report.
- D. House** - Trustee Carey – Update on meeting with Lothrop – see Unfinished Business

IX. Unfinished Business

- A.** Update on meeting with Lothrop Associates. – Meet with Bob Gabalski, Kathleen Sowle & Marilyn Reid from Lothrop. Discussed how the process will unfold for initial planning leading up to subsequent design and building phases. The Lothrop team took many measurements and photographs and will be putting together some initial ideas for discussions.
- B.** 65th Anniversary Committee. Director Sgombick, Trustees N. Scott, D. Arcieri, and A. Dinsmore expressed interest on being on the committee.

X. New Business

A. Donations

\$10 – D. Faist

Motion by A. Dinsmore seconded by D. Arcieri to accept \$10 from the donor, to thank them and to credit this amount to the Donations line (4050) of the budget.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

Note: The Friends also paid \$500 for the renewal of the Intrepid Museum Pass. This check was mailed directly to the museum by the Friends.

B. Bullet Aid for 2022-2023

Motion by S. Kosior seconded by S. Taylor to accept \$17,000 from the Ramapo Catskill Library System for Bullet Aid for 2022-2023 directed to the library by Senator James Skoufis, thank the Senator and credit Legislative Bullet Aid (4082), Children's Programs (5240), Adult Programs (5241), Teen Programs (5247) and Summer Reading (5248).

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

C. Personnel Report and Proposed Raises for 2023-2024

Motion by Diane Arcieri, Personnel Committee Chairman, to approve the Personnel Report including proposed raises for the 2023-2024 fiscal year as printed.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

Note: As this motion is put forward by a committee it does not require a second

D. Tax Cap Override Resolution

Motion by T. Carey seconded by D. Arcieri to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the adoption of the 2023-2024 budget for the Florida Public Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of the qualified board members, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Florida Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2023-2024 by at least sixty percent of the Board of Trustees as required by state law on January 9, 2023.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

E. Proposed Budget for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Motion by Nancy Scott, President of Florida Public Library Board, to approve the adoption of the proposed budget for 2023-2024 in the amount of \$562,898, including a tax levy of \$510,398 to be approved by the voters of the Florida Union Free School District on April 13, 2023, as printed.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

Note: As this motion is put forward by a committee it does not require a second.

F. Items for future agendas

1. Board Goal
Discussed thoughts on collective Board goals and self-evaluation.
Trustees will bring ideas to the next meeting.
2. Library Advocacy Day – Feb. 28, 2023
Director Sgombick, Trustees N. Scott, D. Arcieri, A. Dinsmore,
S. Taylor expressed interest in attending. Trustee T. Carey
expressed interest in attending virtually.
3. State Annual Report

XI. Adjournment

Motion by S. Taylor seconded by A. Dinsmore to adjourn at
7:40 p.m.

VOTE: YES 6 NO 0

Next Meeting: Regular Monthly Meeting, Monday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.