

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pearl River Public Library was held at the library on March 27, 2023.

Present were Trustee President William Morris, Trustee Michael McCue, Vice President Irene D'Anna, Trustee Eric Sharrin, Director Eugenia Schatoff, Senior Account Clerk Debra McDermott, Treasurer Magda Parvulescu, and Board Clerk Mary Flanagan. Donna Warren was absent.

### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Morris called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

**Director's Report** - Presentation from Amy Chesman, Head of Youth Services for Pearl River Library see attached presentation.

**Public Comments** - Amy Chesman invited the public to take a look at the library line on your tax bill to see actual costs for the library.

**PERSONNEL** - Resolution to appoint Diana Wendell to Librarian II at step 13.

### **Director's Report Cont'd-**

Eugenia spoke about the difficulties with our restrooms, they were snaked and scoped with professionals using equipment with the result of at the minimum, the section of pipe that needs to be removed and replaced is a 5 foot stretch starting near a sycamore tree, extending under the sidewalk, towards the waste pipe in the middle of Franklin Ave. We will have discussions with the town once we have more information from the engineers, as it is their sidewalk that we will have to go under or rip up and replace.

We expect to have a chiller rental proposal for the next board meeting.

Director Eugenia Schatoff, Head of Circulation Laurie Wilson, and Head of Youth Services Amy Chesman made visits to Assemblyman John McGowan and State Senator Bill Weber's offices to discuss library funding, NYS Public Library Construction Grants, Bullet Aid, SAM grants, and DASNY funding. They also presented them with the Heart shaped messages from the children.

Our adult patrons are certainly showing how much they appreciate our Learning Labs like writing from Life and Adult Tech and one-on-one project development sessions, they are achieving their creative aspirations. This fall we will offer Learning Lab Spotlight - Patron Projects, 3 Short Films by Eric Bender who has been learning new skills such as file storage/labeling, video editing, and how to use midi musical instruments on his desktop.

Learning Lab Partner - Literacy Volunteers continues to grow. Normally Tuesday AM is a slow time in the Learning Lab. A volunteer group is now routinely filling the lab with students. Many of the students are learning lyrics to songs they will be singing when they participate in our adult/senior choir, which starts in April.

Alex Ramos de Moore is doing a great job making big events of our artist receptions. This month Devinder Kaur Ahluwalia drew a crowd of 75 people in person and 271 online. Learning Lab programs had full attendance plus waiting lists. Our 60th Oral History project is doing well. Librarian Jim Cassetta and Page Izzak Gonzales have been doing a great job with our ongoing Oral History Project; they are now up to 10 interviews which will be made public soon.

**MINUTES** - Meeting of February 27, 2023 and Special Meeting March 6 ,2023 was approved as amended. On a motion by Trustee Mike McCue and seconded by Vice President Irene D'Anna, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes as amended.

### **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORT & LIST OF CLAIMS**

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Actual Cash Flow Spreadsheets for February 2023 and the List of Warrants for March 2023.

On a motion by Trustee William Morris and seconded by Trustee Eric Sharrin the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Actual Cash Flow Report for February 2023 and the List of Warrants for March 2023.

### **STATISTICAL REPORTS**

The Statistical Reports for February 2023 were noted. Director Schatoff explained that the Statistical Reports will have a new look in the coming month.

**OLD BUSINESS - Library Renewal project** - Letters were sent to Pearl River School Board members and Administrators regarding the upcoming PRPL Bond Resolution.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Building & Grounds - Vote taken on Electricity Contract Vote  
3-0 approved (Eric Sharrin abstained)
- b. Policy --committee working on Drug & Alcohol policy, Employee policy
- c. Finance - Resolution for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget - vote taken approved 4-0
- d. Personnel - Resolution 41 J for ERS Employees of the Pearl River Library  
Vote taken approved 4-0

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**NEW BUSINESS-** Estimated Election Costs for Voting by Machine

**CORRESPONDENCE** - none

**Public Comments - Best wishes to our Board of Trustees  
recognizing them for National Library Week**

**NEXT MEETING - Monday, April 24, 2023**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Flanagan