



**Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
November 21, 2022  
Minutes**

- Trustees Present:** G. Brandt, C. Corcoran, E. Hessney Lynch, P. Knapp, A. Moffitt, M. Shelly, M. Smith, E. Stephens (quorum present)
- Trustees Excused:** S. Stockman
- Trustees Unexcused:** K. Brown
- Staff and Guests:** County Law Office Liaison, D. Crumb; County Executive Office Liaison, B. Scanlon; FFRPL Executive Director, D. Borgus; staff members B. Harrison, D. Mansour, J. Smathers, P. Uttaro

**Call to Order**

Mr. Corcoran called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., welcomed trustees, staff, and guests, and confirmed a quorum was present.

**Public Comments**

There were no members of the public in attendance who wished to address the Board.

**Chili Public Library Director**

Jeff Baker introduced himself and welcomed the trustees to the Chili Public Library. He offered a tour of the facilities after the meeting to anyone interested.

**Meeting Minutes**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Dr. Knapp AND SECONDED BY Ms. Moffitt to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022, meeting as presented. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Claims**

Ms. Harrison reviewed the financial claims with the trustees and offered to answer questions. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ms. Shelly AND SECONDED BY Ms. Moffitt to approve the claims as presented. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**2023 Professional Services Agreement with CampbellNet Solutions**

Ms. Harrison reviewed the item with the Trustees. She noted that this may be our last contract with CampbellNet because the principal of the business is likely to retire soon.

Mr. Brandt joined the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

In response to a question, Ms. Harrison explained that the library system should be able to find a local contractor but the Board should be prepared for an increase in cost when we move to a new vendor. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Rev. Smith AND SECONDED BY Ms. Hessney Lynch to approve a professional services agreement with CampbellNet Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$5,000. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Amended Agreement, Disaster Recovery Backup Services**

Ms. Harrison reviewed the item with the Trustees. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Rev. Smith AND SECONDED BY Ms. Moffitt to approve an extension to the agreement with Tri-Delta Resources, Inc. through December 31, 2023, for disaster recovery backup services. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**February 2023 Board Meeting Date**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Brandt AND SECONDED BY Ms. Hessney Lynch to approve changing the date for the Joint Board Meeting with the Rochester Public Library Board from February 22, 2023, to Thursday, February 16, 2023, at Noon. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Rochester Regional Library Council (RRLC) Liaison**

Dr. Knapp reported that the RRLC Board met last Thursday. The RRLC staff has worked with Causewave Community Partners on a re-branding effort.

They have negotiated a new 30% discount with FedEx for their members, including MCLS.

A review of the Digital Equity Booths shows them to be effective and popular with patrons.

The Advisory Committee is working on the NYLA legislative priorities and building stronger connections with the State Education Department.

The board voted to sign on as a partner with United Against Book Bans.

Future meetings include a May 4<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of all things library, a May 11<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, and a May 25<sup>th</sup> RRLC social event.

**Friends and Foundation of the Rochester Public Library (FFRPL) Liaison**

Ms. Borgus offered to answer questions about the written report. She then reviewed some fundraising highlights and events. Lastly, she invited everyone to come to the FFRPL offices on Dec. 8 at 1:30 for a retirement celebration for Rebecca Fuss.

**Board Committee Reports**

None

**Rochester Public Library (RPL) Liaison**

On behalf of Mr. Stephens, Ms. Uttaro reported that the RPL Board approved the standard items of personnel changes and financial reports. They appointed a new trustee, former judge, Marilyn O'Connor; elected their Nominating Committee; and approved meeting dates and holidays for 2023. The board approved a city capital improvement request and an agreement to install card-read access at the branches. They also accepted two grants.

**Director's Report**

Ms. Uttaro offered to answer questions about the written report. She reported that the county has issued an RFP for county historical services, and she will be meeting with Christine Ridarsky of the Local History and Genealogy division to discuss.

She reported that Greece and Brockport are each struggling to find a director. The Seymour Library in Brockport has appointed Peter Genovese as their Interim Director. The Greece Public Library has Cathy Henderson as Interim Director. She is doing well and has applied for a permanent position.

**MCLS Office**

Ms. Smathers offered to answer questions about the written report. She reported that Alicia Gunther interacted with over 3200 people at the Rochester Maker Faire. Many families were interested in the Cubelets she had at the faire and were thrilled to learn they could be checked out at the library. She will be bringing up the topic of

cataloging kits to make them easier to search with the Directors' Council. Lastly, she reported that the MCLS Office has asked the county for more Covid test kits. Those will be distributed to member libraries in the coming weeks.

### **Central Library**

Ms. Smathers offered to answer questions about the written report. She updated the trustees on the Central Library's e-sports team, The Liberators. Their streaming views are strong, and they should soon break the next threshold for status on the platform. The Rochester Police Department has an e-sports team and a tournament between the police department and The Liberators is imminent.

In response to a question, Ms. Smathers reported that libraries have not considered leaving Twitter despite its recent troubles, but they are monitoring the situation. Ms. Hessney-Lynch said she has been enjoying TikTok but recognizes that the platform takes a bit more time and effort since it is all videos. Ms. Uttaro and Ms. Smathers both recommend Matthew Hoople's TikTok for entertaining library content. Mr. Hoople is a children's librarian at the Monroe Branch

### **Other Business**

Mr. Corcoran reminded trustees to remember to RSVP for the board meetings to Ms. Mansour.

Rev. Smith shared two book lists with everyone, 15 Books (Black Banned) You Should Read Now and Top 10 Banned Books That Changed the Face of Black History. He asked that the Board consider making a public endorsement of the lists to the Rochester City School District (RCSD) in response to some recently reported statistics on the poor reading skills of students in the RCSD. This generated a lengthy discussion of diversity and inclusion in library collections. Ms. Uttaro asked that he and Mr. Brandt wait to receive a report from her on the work being done across the system before they take any further action.

### **Adjournment**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Brandt AND SECONDED BY Rev. Smith to adjourn the meeting. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

*Patricia Uttaro, Secretary*