

**Seymour Public Library District**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Date: June 27, 2023**

Trustees Present: Susanne Bench, Lynda DeOrio, Clyde Howard, Cindy Baney, Larry Liberatore, Meg Vanek, Debbie Daloia

Trustees Excused: Nancy Karpinski

Staff Present: Lisa Carr, Dori Gottschalk-Fielding, Dixie Warner-Webert

Larry Liberatore, President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

Motion to approve the Agenda: Debbie Daloia and seconded by Cindy Baney with the addition under Discussion Items of SCRLC DEIA grant and complaint response to PRIDE book display in the Family Space. Motion approved unanimously.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Taken/Next Steps</b>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of the May 2023 meeting</li> <li>• June 2023 Library Report</li> <li>• Committee reports               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Board Governance 6/8/23</li> <li>○ Finance 6/20/23</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Correction to May 2023 Minutes to list Nancy Karpinski as excused.	<b>Motion to approve Consent Agenda as corrected by Lynda DeOrio, seconded by Meg Vanek, unanimously approved.</b>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT none</b>		
<b>UPDATES</b>		
<b>Friends of Seymour Library</b>	Lynda DeOrio related that the Friends bank balance stands at 32,000.86. Garnered 10,000 from membership drive. Will be giving more to the library. Looking for a venue for the author expo.	
<b>Seymour Library Foundation</b>	Clyde Howard reported that the line of credit for roof repair was converted to a loan. The Foundation is working to establish a capital reserve fund to cover future building expenses.	
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<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		
<b>Russ Harkins resignation from Board of Trustees</b>		<b>Motion to accept Russ Harkins resignation from the Board of Trustees with regret by Meg Vanek, seconded by Susanne Bench, approved unanimously.</b>
<b>Election of Finance Officer and Secretary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meg Vanek volunteered to serve as Secretary through 2023.</li> <li>• Debbie Daloia volunteered to serve as Finance Officer.</li> <li>• Lynda DeOrio agreed to chair the Board Governance Committee.</li> </ul>	
<b>May 2023 Finance Statements</b>		<b>Motion to accept the May 2023 Finance Statements by Clyde Howard, seconded by Larry Liberatore, approved unanimously.</b>
<b>May 2023 Claims</b>		<b>Motion to accept May 2023 Claims by Clyde Howard, seconded by Susanne Bench, approved unanimously.</b>
<b>Resolution to override NYS Tax Cap</b>	See attached Resolution.	<b>Motion to accept Board of Trustees Resolution to override NYS Tax Cap by Lynda DeOrio, seconded by Susanne Bench.</b>

<b>Proposal to change Library Director job description from Library II to Library Director III</b>	Lisa will submit a New Position Duties Statement to Cayuga County Civil Service. Once the CS Commission reviews, it will come back to the Board of Trustees for approval.	<b>Motion to change Library Director II job description to Library III by Debbie Daloia, seconded by Cindy Baney, approved unanimously.</b>
<b>NYS Lactation Accommodation Information &amp; Policy</b>	The policy language was provided by NYS to reflect the recently passed law regarding lactation accommodation.	<b>Motion to accept NYS Lactation Accommodation and information Policy by Lynda DeOrio, seconded by Susanne Bench, approved unanimously.</b>
<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>		
<b>Appointment of new Trustee for Sennett</b>	Lisa Carr is reaching out to a list of possible Sennett Trustee candidates with applications to gauge their interest.	
<b>SCRLC DEIA Grant</b>	Dori Gottschalk-Fielding presented information about a DEIA grant opportunity from SCRLC that would provide up to six hours of consultation with a diversity consultant. Dori proposed using the time to review the DEIA statement, meet with Trustees and staff to review DEIA policies in context of strategic plan.	
<b>Response to Patron Complaint regarding Pride book display in Family Space</b>	A patron was offended by the display and felt it was not appropriate for children. Lisa Carr will respond to the patron and drafting a policy on displays.	

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm

**Next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting: July 25, 2023 4:00pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Vanek, Secretary

SEYMOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Resolution to Override Tax Cap for 2024 Fiscal year

*Whereas, the adoption of the 2024 budget for Seymour Public Library District may require 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 a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it*

*Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Seymour Public Library District voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2024 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on June 27, 2023.*

Motion by Lynda DeOrio. Second by Susanne Bench.

Dated: June 27, 2023

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Meg Vanek, Secretary, Seymour Public Library District Board of Trustees

Vote:

7 In Favor  
0 Opposed  
0 Abstentions  
1 Excused/Absent

Note that there are currently 8 members on the Library Board, 7 attended the 6/27/23 meeting and unanimously approved this resolution.