

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 29, 2018 AND JANUARY 29, 2019**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018**

The Annual Meeting/Election of the Great Neck Library Association was held on Monday, October 29, 2018 for the purpose of voting to fill four expiring seats on the Board of Trustees (Robert Schaufeld, Joel Marcus and the remaining terms of interim member Josie Pizer and interim member Chelsea Sassouni) and three expiring seats on the Nominating Committee (Howard Esterces, Donald Panetta and remaining term of interim member Marietta DiCamillo).

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Treasurer Barry Smith at 10:00 a.m. Voting took place in person from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Main Library, 159 Bayview Road Great Neck, New York 11021, and in the Parkville Branch at 10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park, New York 11040. Secretary Yan declared the polls closed at 10:00 p.m.

The Re-Organization portion of the Annual Meeting was recessed until Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019**

The Annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees, preceded by an executive session, where no action was taken, was convened at 7:38 p.m. at the Main Branch of the Great Neck Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, New York 11023. The Agenda is attached.

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum of the Board:

Robert Schaufeld - President  
Rebecca Miller – Vice President  
Weihua Yan - Secretary  
Josie Pizer - Treasurer  
Joel Marcus – Assistant Treasurer  
Barry Smith – Assistant Treasurer  
Chelsea Sassouni - Trustee

Also present:

Denise Corcoran – Director  
Tracy Geiser – Assistant Director  
Steven Kashkin – Business Manager  
Peter Fishbein – Library Counsel

The attendance sheet is appended to these Minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Schaufeld called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

**WELCOMING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT**

President Schaufeld welcomed all in attendance. He reflected on the past year, stating that it was a very busy and productive one. He announced that the reports from the President, Treasurer and Director are contained within the Annual Report that has been made available at this meeting.

## **MINUTES**

**Upon motion by Weihua Yan, seconded by Josie Pizer, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library approve the Minutes of the October 30, 2017, Annual Meeting/Election and January 30, 2018, Annual Re-Organization Meeting, as presented.

**VOTE:** Yes 7 (Schaufeld, Miller, Pizer, Yan, Marcus, Smith, Sassouni)  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE STRICKEN FROM THE AGENDA**

*Accept Resignation of Library Director*  
*Appointment of Interim Director*

## **REPORTS**

Reports from the President, Treasurer and Interim Director are in the Annual Report attached to these minutes.

## **PRESENTATION TO RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Board, President Schaufeld thanked Howard Esterces, Donald Panetta and Marietta DiCamillo for their contributions to the Nominating Committee. They were presented with Certificates of Appreciation which read as follows: *In appreciation of your diligent and dedicated service to the Great Neck Library, your leadership role in the community, your integrity, and your professional manner.*

President Schaufeld said the following:

*It is through the hard work and dedication of the members of the Nominating Committee that the Board continues to be replenished. They work tirelessly and go out into the community to obtain new members, educating the public on what is necessary to maintain the integrity of the Board. I thank you for your service and wish you well in the future.*

## **PRESENTATION TO RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

On behalf of the Board, President Schaufeld thanked Joel Marcus for his contribution to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Marcus was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation which read as follows: *In appreciation of your diligent and dedicated service to the Great Neck Library, your leadership role in the community, your integrity, and your professional manner.*

President Schaufeld said the following:

*I first met you, Joel, at the Meet the Candidates Night in 2004. You have taught me the ropes. You were the voice of reason during the four years we were together. You were always sensible and thoughtful. You were the mind behind our Policy and Long-Range Planning committees. We could not have done anything without your wisdom. Thank you for your hard work.*

Trustee Marcus said the following:

*It has been a great eight years. As I stand here in this Community Room, I realize that it is wonderful what we have been able to accomplish. I am glad to say goodbye. Thank you.*

On behalf of the Board, Vice-President Miller thanked Robert Schaufeld for his contribution to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Schaufeld was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation which read as follows: *In appreciation of your diligent and dedicated service to the Great Neck Library, your leadership role in the community, your integrity, and your professional manner.*

Vice-President Miller read the following statement aloud:

*Volunteer Board work - where some of us choose to commit our public service - can be demanding, challenging, frustrating and confounding. It can also be productive, rewarding and even fun. I am guessing your tenure as trustee including the last two as president has been all that and more. It won't, however, be thankless, as tonight we thank you, Bob, for committing these 4 years to public service toward the betterment of the Great Neck Library. We look forward to seeing you as public at meetings in the future.*

President Schaufeld said the following:

*When I first joined the Board, I was told that it was an incredible amount of work that I was going to be required to complete. I thought they were exaggerating. I never would have believed during my first year that I would be standing here working 200 hours going to many committee meetings. I look forward to reclaiming my movie time and feel confident that the new board will do a wonderful job and that the library as an institution will continue to grow and prosper in the future. Thank you so much.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Weihua Yan  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

## **BRIEF INTERMISSION-NEW BOARD CONVENES**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The new Board reconvened at 8:05 p.m. at which time Peter Fishbein, Library Counsel, welcomed new trustees Liman Mimi Hu and Scott Sontag.

#### **(a) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

##### President

Josie Pizer nominated Rebecca Miller. There were no other nominations. *Rebecca Miller was unanimously elected President.*

Vice President

Barry Smith nominated himself. Chelsea Sassouni nominated Weihua Yan. *Weihua Yan was elected Vice President by a 5-1 vote.*

Secretary

Weihua Yan nominated Barry Smith. There were no other nominations. *Barry Smith was unanimously elected Secretary.*

Treasurer

Rebecca Miller nominated Josie Pizer. There were no other nominations. *Josie Pizer was unanimously elected Treasurer.*

Assistant Treasurer

Josie Pizer nominated Chelsea Sassouni. There were no other nominations. *Chelsea Sassouni was unanimously elected Assistant Treasurer.*

Assistant Treasurer

Weihua Yan nominated Liman Mimi Hu. There were no other nominations. *Liman Mimi Hu was unanimously elected Assistant Treasurer.*

**Upon motion by Rebecca Miller seconded by Josie Pizer, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library enter into executive session for a discussion on Personnel and Legal Matters. No action was taken.

## **THE BOARD RECONVENED AT 8:45 P.M.**

### **(b) 2018/2019 BOARD MEETING DATES**

**Upon motion by Josie Pizer seconded by Chelsea Sassouni, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library accept the calendar of Board of Trustees meetings for 2019/2020 [below].

2019

February 26 - Main

March 12 (Budget Workshop)- Station

March 19 - Station

March 26 (Budget Workshop) - Main

April 2 (Budget Hearing & Adoption) – Main

April 16 - Main

May 14 – Main

June 17 (Monday) – Lakeville

September 18 (Wednesday) – Main  
October 22 – Parkville  
October 28 (Monday) Annual Meeting/Election 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Main & Parkville  
November 19 – Main  
December 17 – Main

2020

January 7 – Annual Re-Organization Meeting - Main  
January 14 – Board Meeting - Main

**VOTE:** Yes 7 (Miller, Yan, Pizer, Smith, Sassouni, Hu, Sontag)  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**The following dates were also set for Special Board meetings over the summer if needed:**

July 23 – Station  
August 20 – Parkville

**(c) BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

President Miller announced that committee assignments will be presented when they are finalized.

**OPEN TIME**

Naomi Penner: Thank you Board of Trustees, Director Resignation

Marietta DiCamillo: Main Building Committee, Branch Committee, Director Resignation

Varda Solomon: Long Range Planning Committee

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Josie Pizer and seconded by Chelsea Sassouni, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Barry Smith  
Secretary, Board of Trustees