

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
GLEN ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Rachel Feinmark at 7:10 pm in the Library.

Board Members:

President: Rachel Feinmark	present
Vice-President: Matt Jacobs	absent
Treasurer: Dan Lesso	present
Secretary: Kathleen Walter	absent
Mayor's Alternate: Jill Orlich	present
Superintendent's Alternate: Lisa Tomaselli	present
Trustee: Christa Folco	present via Zoom
Trustee: Jeff Schlecht	absent
Trustee: Maggie Jacoby	present

Ex-Officio Members:

Library Director: Ellen O'Keefe	present
Friends of the Library Co-President: Joyce Stein	absent

Others:

Recording Secretary: Catherine Dodwell	present
FOL member: Georgene Betterbed	present
Business Manager: Kathy Collins Simmons	present

- 2. ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THE MEETING:** Rachel Feinmark announced that all requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been fulfilled: the date, time, and access to this meeting have been advertised in the official newspapers; posted on the Library and Borough websites; and posted at the main entrance of the Library.
- 3. MINUTES:** Minutes of the February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting were accepted by consent as distributed.
- 4. WELCOME TO VISITORS AND INSTRUCTIONS ON WHEN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Rachel Feinmark announced that public participation and remarks are welcome and provided guidance for comment.
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none
- 6. CORRESPONDENCE:** none

## **7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Ellen O'Keefe introduced Kathy Collins Simmons, the new Business Manager who began her position on March 1.
- Ellen announced job postings for two additional staff members: a part-time Children's Assistant to replace one who recently resigned and a Sunday Librarian to cover shifts between April and June.
- Ellen is working with Maggie Jacoby on a National Week of Conversation event to be held on Monday, April 17 at 7:00 pm. This year's community discussion will focus on immigration and will follow the guidelines provided by the National Issues Forums.
- Another program, "Aging Unbound" will be held on Sunday, May 2 at 2 pm as part of National Older Americans Month to be recognized in May. Jill Orloff is assisting Ellen with soliciting digital photos of Seniors as they appeared "around town" from the past or present for incorporation into a slideshow to be previewed at an Open House and on display in the Library. It was agreed that a limit of two favorite photographs would be accepted. Georgene Betterbed requested that any materials acquired for this event be turned over to the Glen Rock Historical and Preservation Society at its conclusion.
- Ellen reported that the roof continues to remain quiet with no additional leaking reported; the telephone situation is moving closer toward resolution.
- The mobile tables and chairs have been ordered and Ed Silver was very happy to be informed of this development.

## **8. TREASURER'S REPORT/MARCH BILLS TO BE PAID:**

- Jill Orloff, the Mayor's Alternate, administered the Oath of Office to Lisa Tomaselli, Superintendent's Alternate for a one year term.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted by consent as distributed. It will be filed for audit.
- Lisa Tomaselli moved to pay the March bills as presented. Second: Maggie Jacoby. Motion carried.

## **9. REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:**

- Georgene Betterbed read the Friends report which was submitted by Joyce Stein.
- The Readathon began on March 1 and will continue through March 28. It is ending three days before the end of the month because of Spring break. Sign ups can be completed through the Friends' website. It was noted that the shorter duration may affect the nightly reading goals that some participants may set.
- Letters for the annual membership drive have gone out and a number of responses have been received.

- The Friends will sponsor a book sale in May featuring children’s, young adult, and current/popular fiction. Details for accepting donations and the time and date of the sale will be posted on the Library and Friends’ websites.
- The Friends are working on hosting a wine tasting in November before the holidays and more information will be forthcoming as it develops.
- A wonderful exhibit with the work of photographer Daniel Perry was hosted in the Gallery in February. A reception with the artist was a great success and many of his works were sold. His father, Walter Perry was very generous to this town.
- Georgene announced that a possible children’s program with Anna Kang and illustrator Christopher Weyant is in development. They are Glen Rock residents and received the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award in 2015.

**10. FOR INFORMATION:** none

**11. FOR DISCUSSION:**

- a. Capital Campaign: Rachel Feinmark reported that she has emailed people of interest and invited them to be part of this committee. Additional names were suggested by those present.

**12. FOR ACTION:**

- a. Authorize Library to be open 10-2 on Saturday, April 8: Dan Lesso moved to change the hours of operation on Saturday, April 8, the day before Easter to 10 am to 2 pm. Second: Lisa Tomaselli. Motion carried.

**13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. Finance: previously discussed
- b. Personnel: no report
- c. Buildings and Grounds: no report
- d. Planning: Ellen O’Keefe expressed her interest in further development of the Strategic Plan.
- e. Technology: no report
- f. Ad Hoc: no report

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

**15. NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Kristine Morieko has asked the Library to present a 3-5 minute recap of the previous year and goals for the coming year at the Mayor and Council Meeting on March 15 as part of the “State of the Town” presentation. Discussion followed of what topics and issues to feature.

**16. ADJOURNMENT:** Lisa Tomaselli moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Second: Dan Lesso. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Dodwell  
Recording Secretary

Rachel Feinmark  
Board President