

Minutes of the Lodi Whittier Library Board of Trustees Annual Meeting

January 9, 2024

The Lodi Library Board of Trustees 2024 annual meeting was held on January 9, 2024 in the Karel Titus Conference Room at the Lodi Whittier Library. The majority of the meeting was held in darkness, after a windstorm brought down the electricity to the village.

Members in attendance: Beth Bevars, Library Director; Karel Titus, Lorraine McCue, Maureen Bruno, Youth and Programming Coordinator; Jack Burrows, Diana Lyttle, Micci Bogard, and Karen Shepherd.

Excused: John Henderson, Susie Van Riper.

Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 7:00pm.

Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Lorraine

Second: Anna

The motion passed unanimously

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes: Micci

Seconded: Karel

The motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Micci presented the Treasurer's report. She presented a simple proposed budget for 2024.

Motion to approve 2024 proposed budget: Karel

Seconded: Jack

The motion passed unanimously

President's Report

In the board President's absence and the sudden power outage during the annual meeting, the Director summarized the President's report. The report appears at the end of these minutes.

Director's Report

Beth presented the Director's report in a new format this year. A nicely formatted pamphlet summarizes important library statistics and events of note from 2023. The reports will be available to the public here at the library.

Election of Trustees and Officers

Anna Holmberg represented the Nominating Committee. She presented the slate of candidates for three-year Trustee terms:

Karel Titus
Karen Shepherd

Motion to accept the slate of trustees: Anna
Seconded: Lorraine

The board elected the slate of candidates.

The committee then presented the slate of Library Board Officers for 2024:

John Henderson, President
Diana Lyttle, Vice President
Karen Shepherd, Secretary
Micci Bogard, Treasurer

Motion to accept the slate of officers: Micci
Seconded: Jack

The board elected the slate of officers.

Public Discussion

No members of the public were present.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Lorraine
Second: Jack
The motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 7:26pm.

The annual board meeting for 2025 was set for January 14th at 7pm.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF THE LODI LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2023

As President of the Board of Trustees, once again I can report that we enter the new year in a strong position. I am pleased to report that in 2023 the Lodi Library completed another successful year. We continue to thrive in our efforts to serve and lead our community.

Our director, Beth Bevars has continued with her literacy efforts, and the library has received state, local, and national attention.

Our programming continues, perhaps in a different direction now that Nora Snyder, our youth and programming services coordinator, has departed. In the short time that Maureen Bruno has joined the staff she has proved to be a quick learner and is beginning to put her own spin in the library's outreach and programming.

An era has ended. For so much of the past decade and more, we have concentrated our efforts in building a new building and improving the space around it. Much of our effort has been connected to several New York State construction grants. This year, the last projects connected to those grants have been completed. The money received from the last grant has been spent and accounted for. Now we will be looking ahead in new directions.

I am thankful for opportunity my position as President of the Board of Trustees has given me to be part of such a supportive community. I am grateful to the citizens of Seneca County, who generously vote to approve of the South Seneca School District propositions that are essential in funding our library's operations. My thanks also go out to Beth and Maureen, volunteers, and my fellow board members for making my job as president so easy. We have a great board, a very committed group of volunteers, solid financial standing, and two engaged and exuberant employees. We can be very proud.

John Henderson
President