

SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY SYSTEM

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ANNUAL MEETING

May 19, 2014

at the Excelsior Springs at the Courtyard by Marriott
47 Excelsior Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York

MINUTES

The 56th Annual Meeting of the Southern Adirondack Library System was held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at the Excelsior Springs at the Courtyard by Marriott, Saratoga Springs, New York and brought to order at 7:00 p.m. with President Arnold Elman presiding.

Dr. Elman welcomed all those present and asked the SALS trustees to stand and be recognized: Judy Hoover (Washington County/Easton Library), Jordan Hornstein (Hamilton County), Dale Nemer (Warren County/Crandall Public Library), Bob Odess (Washington County/Cambridge Public Library), Sandi Payne (Warren County/Stony Creek Free Library), John Plantier (Warren County/Hadley-Luzerne Public Library). Dr. Elman represents Saratoga County and Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library.

SALS trustees not present: Sandra Debus (Saratoga County), Paul Mays (Washington County), Karen McComb (Hamilton County/Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library), Frank Mezzano (Hamilton County/Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library), Jim Mosher (Saratoga County).

Dr. Elman announced that the 2013 SALS Treasurer's Report, Central Library Report and SALS 2013 Highlights, Facts and Figures were on the tables. This information will also be on SALS website: www.sals.edu.

Dr. Elman welcomed member library trustees and asked Sandi Payne for the Roll Call of member libraries and number of trustees at the meeting. Thirty member libraries out of thirty four were represented.

Dr. Elman welcomed SALS staff present: Nancy Bowen---Secretary/Receptionist, Sara Dallas---Director, Jenifer Ferriss---Bibliographic Database Specialist/Automation Training & Support and Youth Services Consultant, Mary Hanley---JA Automation Support, Jill Martz---Administration & Finance Manager, Cindy Mirra---Automation Training & Support, Delivery & Outreach, Chris Mundell---JA Systems Administrator, Diane Robinson---JA Computer Systems Manager and guests: Peter Gregg---Atticus Communications, Inc. and the speaker for the evening, Jeremy Johannesen---Executive Director, NYLA, Maria Lange---Program Manager, Literacy NY Greater Capital Region, Peter Martin---Saratoga Springs Supervisor, John Romano---Ballston Spa Mayor, Frank Thomas---Stony Creek Town Supervisor, and Sara Kelly Johns---President, NYLA. Ms. Johns spoke a few words about the New York Library Association.

Dr. Elman asked Bob Odess, the Chair of the Library Services Committee, to present the Library Program of the Year Awards:

- **Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library** for “*The Holocaust Revisited: A Retrospective Review*”:

One role of a public library is to encourage civic and social engagement as well as partner with other community groups. The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, partnering with Congregation Beth Shalom, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church presented a community program entitled “The Holocaust Revisited: A Retrospective Review”. The program featured Dr. Stephen Berk who spoke about lessons learned from the Holocaust and how those lessons can be applied in the current day, as well as a display of artifacts from the New England Holocaust Institute and Museum. Three hundred people from all parts of the community attended the 90 minute program and the 30 minute questions and answers session. The program was made possible by the support of the Weitzman, Hamerling and Bergman families after their trip to visit the Dachau and Terezin concentration camps.

- **Stony Creek Free Library** for “*Stony Creek in Watercolor*”:

During the Warren County Bicentennial Celebration, the Stony Creek Free Library, in conjunction with the Town of Stony Creek and the Stony Creek Historical Society, showcased and honored long-time summer resident and artist, Joe McChesney. The art show was an opportunity for the yearlong and the part-time residents to get together to enjoy the art work, refreshments, and hear live music. This program helped to bridge the two groups and dispel preconceived notions. As a result, barriers were broken and it brought understanding and community awareness and growth. The “Flatlanders” aka part-timers and the “Crikkers” aka natives attended, mingled, and got to know one another brought together by everyone’s appreciation of the beauty of Stony Creek. The Stony Creek Free Library is a vital and integral part of the town and began the tradition of an annual social event for the entire community.

Judy Hoover, Chair of the Personnel Committee, presented Library Trustee of the Year Awards to:

- **Loretto Hosley** of the CV Whitney Long Lake Public Library:

Lorrie Hosley has been a trustee of the C V Whitney Long Lake Library since 2001. Prior to that, she was part of a small enthusiastic group that wanted to ensure the continuation of library services in Long Lake when the Bookmobile service was discontinued. She advocated tirelessly to raise matching funds for the NYS Construction Grant project, securing a large endowment from Mary Lou Whitney. She worked tirelessly to secure stable funding by becoming a school district public library, but that necessitated a new charter. Lorrie has been a constant, steady force with her history and knowledge and has turned the Long Lake Library into the “Little Engine That Could.” The C V Whitney Public Library is the central hub of the Long Lake community.

- **Susan Jennings** of the Richards Library in Warrensburg:

The Richards Library would not be what it is today without the leadership of Susan Jennings. Susan spearheaded the process to secure public funding for the library and successfully co-wrote a grant to offset major construction costs. In October 2013 the Richards Library doubled in size with a community event room, archival storage areas, computer workstations, a new circulation area, and new shelving for library materials. She was instrumental in the hiring of a new Director. Susan helped revitalize the Board of Trustees by finding and creating a Board that reflects the Warrensburg community.

Ms. Hoover presented SALS Staff Awards to:

- Cindy Mirra for 30 years of service
- Chris Mundell for 15 years of service

- Diane Robinson for 20 years of service

Dr. Elman announced the Election of Trustee and asked Bob Odess to give the Nominating Committee's report. Mr. Odess noted that there was one vacancy in Saratoga County due to the expiration of Arnold Elman's second five-year term. An April 10th "Notice of Annual Business Meeting" informed every member library trustee of the Trustee Nominating Committee's choice of candidate. The Trustee Nominating Committee offered the following candidate who's term will expire May, 2019:

- For Saratoga County---Russell E. Wise, Jr. for a five-year term

Brief biographical information about this nominee was provided in the April 10th notice. Mr. Odess asked if there were other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he instructed the secretary to cast one ballot for the person nominated by the Trustee Nominating Committee who is hereby elected by acclamation by the trustees of the member libraries of the Southern Adirondack Library System.

Dr. Elman introduced Sandi Payne who presented the Door Prize drawings:

- Audio Book Drawing---All of the member libraries in Saratoga and Warren Counties were represented, so libraries from those counties were entered for two bags of Audio books.
Winners were:
 - Corinth Free Library
 - Saratoga Springs Public Library
- Continuing Education Certificates --all libraries represented were entered in this drawing:
 - CV Whitney Long Lake Public Library===\$250 certificate
 - Waterford Public Library===\$250 certificate
 - Saratoga Springs Public Library===\$500 certificate

Dr. Elman introduced Sara Dallas, SALS Director. Mrs. Dallas extended thanks to SALS Staff and SALS Board for their support. She thanked all of the member library staff, boards and library supporters for all providing library services in their communities. Mrs. Dallas highlighted some of the data collected in 2013.

Dr. Elman introduced Peter Gregg from Atticus Communications who spoke on how to deal with the press.

Dr. Elman thanked everyone for coming, asked them to return their name tags on the way out, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Bowen
Recording Secretary