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ANNUAL MEETING

May 16, 2016
Excelsior Springs
Saratoga Springs, NY

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The 58th Annual Meeting of the Southern Adirondack Library System was held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at the Excelsior Springs in Saratoga Springs, New York and brought to order at 7:00 p.m. with President Frank Mezzano presiding.

Mr. Mezzano welcomed all those present and asked the SALS trustees to stand and be recognized: Linda Borden (Washington County/ Easton Library), Christine Connell (Saratoga County), Paul Mays (Washington County), Dale Nemer (Warren County/Crandall Public Library), Bob Odess (Washington County/Cambridge Public Library), Sandi Payne (Warren County) and Frank Mezzano representing Hamilton County /Town of Lake Pleasant Library. SALS trustees not present: Sandra Debus (Saratoga County), Jordan Hornstein (Hamilton County), Karen McComb (Hamilton County/Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library), John Plantier (Warren County/Hadley-Luzerne Public Library) and Russell Wise (Saratoga County/Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library).

Mr. Mezzano announced that the 2015 SALS Treasurer's Report, Central Library Report and SALS 2015 Highlights, Facts and Figures were on the tables. This information can also be found on the SALS website: www.sals.edu.

Mr. Mezzano welcomed member library trustees and asked Paul Mays for the Roll Call of member libraries and number of trustees at the meeting. Twenty eight member libraries out of thirty four were represented.

Mr. Mezzano asked if any member library had any announcements to make. The Richards Library acknowledged the retirement of Senator Hugh Farley and suggested sending him a happy retirement card. Senator Farley has been a great supporter of libraries.

Mr. Mezzano welcomed SALS staff present: Sara Dallas, Jennifer Ferriss, Mary Hanley, Michele Largeteau, Jill Martz, Diane Robinson, and Jill Ryder
Guests: Serena Kirkpatrick, Flynn, Walker, Diggin, C.P.A., P.C.
Daphne Jordan and LoAnn Sanders, representatives from Senator Marchione's Office. Mr. Mezzano asked if Daphne Jordan would like to say a few words.

Ms. Jordan, a former Board member of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library shared the importance of libraries in their communities. They are a precious resource and an invaluable lifeline. She spoke about the support of libraries by Senator Marchione. In 2016, the largest increase in state aid to libraries for construction aid was passed in the amount of a 35% increase.

Mr. Mezzano asked Sandi Payne to present the Library Program of the Year Awards:

Clifton Park – Halfmoon Public Library: Tuesday Bridges. Through a partnership with Saratoga Bridges—an organization providing support to individuals with developmental disabilities since 1954—Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library hosted a regular book club for Saratoga Bridges’ clients. They read “Hoot” by Carl Hiaasen and collaborated on a collage made from pages of a discarded copy of the book. This program was in response to community feedback, and participants reported increased self-esteem and a wonderful social experience. This important outreach effort promises to change lives as it continues forward.

Crandall Public Library: Crandall Cares/It’s Cold Out There. Crandall Public Library combined crafting with compassion by encouraging their library’s knitting club & other interested patrons to contribute any spare yarn they could, and to knit winter items for community members in need. Over 300 scarves, hats, gloves and mittens were strung in public places throughout the City of Glens Falls. The library plans to continue this heartwarming program. In knitting terms, they plan to “inc (increase) participation and cont (continue) to help those who have sl (slipped) through the system. Will ** (repeat) until the community need decs (decreases).

Sandi Payne, Chair of the Personnel Committee, presented Library Trustee of the Year Awards to:

Tom Shaginaw – Town of Ballston Community Library: The Town of Ballston Community Library owes Tom Shaginaw a great debt for all his hard work and dedication to the library’s mission to continue the expansion of services and resources they offer their community. Tom joined the Town of Ballston Community Library Board of Trustees in 2012 and has been the Board Treasurer for the past 3 years. He was involved in every step of our Renovation Project from concept to completion, which took over two years and many hours. He deconstructs budgets and bookcases with equal skill. He has worked tirelessly to ensure that the library continues to enrich and encourage its community.

Ken Bollerud – Saratoga Springs Public Library: The Saratoga Springs Public Library owes much to the leadership and tireless dedication of Ken Bollerud. Ken has been a Trustee of SSPL since 1981, and President of the Board since 1988. During that time, he has been a tireless advocate for the Saratoga Springs Public Library in particular, and library service for New Yorkers in general. Ken was instrumental in efforts to build SSPL’s “new” building, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2015. Since its opening in 1995, the current library has welcomed approximately 9 million visitors. Through his commitment, integrity and vision, Ken Bollerud has impacted numerous lives and helped improve the quality of library services offered for the community he serves.

Sandi Payne acknowledged a SALS Staff Award to:

- Jason Thomson for 10 years of service

Mr. Mezzano announced the Election of Trustees to fill one vacancy in Warren County due to the expiration of Ms. Nemer’s first five-year term. An April 8th “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, whose term will expire May, 2021:

- For Warren County: Dale Nemer for her second five year term.

Brief biographical information about this nominee was provided in the April 8th notice. Mr. Mezzano 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.

Mr. Mezzano introduced Sara Dallas, SALS Director. Mrs. Dallas thanked everyone for coming to Saratoga to celebrate libraries and library services. She announced that there were door prizes in some of the cell phone wallets placed at certain table settings. The Town on Inlet Public Library received a \$500 continuing education scholarship, The CVW Long Lake Library and Town of Ballston Community Library each received a \$250 continuing education scholarships. There were 7 additional door prizes of CD packs awarded. 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. She said SALS has been around for 58 years and with the help and support of the member library Boards of Trustees developing the next plan of service she felt SALS will continue to provide outstanding library services for the next 58 years.

Mr. Mezzano introduced June Garcia who was the Presenter for the evening. Mrs. Garcia, using a PowerPoint slide show, explained the planning process and shared the information gathered as a result of the focus groups.

Mr. Mezzano thanked everyone for coming, asked them to return their name tags on the way out, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Martz

Recording Secretary