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ANNUAL MEETING

May 21, 2018
Excelsior Springs
Saratoga Springs, NY

MINUTES

The 60th Annual Meeting of the Southern Adirondack Library System was held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at the Excelsior Springs in Saratoga Springs, New York and brought to order at 6:03 p.m. with SALS Board President, Jordan Hornstein presiding.

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

Mr. Hornstein announced that the 2017 SALS Treasurer's Report, Central Library Report and SALS 2017 Highlights, Facts and Figures were on the tables. This information can also be found on the SALS website: www.sals.edu.

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

Mr. Mays pulled three cards to determine the winners of the Continuing Education awards. All libraries were entered into the drawing. The winners were:

- Round Lake Library a \$250 trustee training scholarship
- Town of Ballston Community Library a \$250 trustee training scholarship
- Whitehall Free Library a \$500 trustee training scholarship

Mr. Hornstein invited Becky Fasulo, Director of the Corinth Free Library to say a few words. Ms. Fasulo acknowledged the sadness of the sudden loss of their Board Member Sally Scranton and her hard work and dedicated service.

Mr. Hornstein invited Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner up to say a few words. Ms. Woerner shared her fond childhood memories of visiting the many libraries in her community with her father. Ms. Woerner thanked everyone for their dedicated commitment and all that they do making their libraries a special place for their community.

Mr. Hornstein welcomed SALS staff present: Sara Dallas, Mary Hanley, Michele Largeteau, Cindy Mirra, Diane Robinson, Bill Rougier, Jill Ryder, Jack Scott, Dianne Winter and Bob Jeffords, SALS Treasurer.

Mr. Hornstein welcomed guests Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Mechanicville Mayor Dennis Baker and M.R. Pouloupoulos, singer-songwriter.

Mr. Hornstein asked Linda Borden, Representing the Library Services Committee, to present the Library Program of the Year Award to:

Mechanicville District Public Library for Farmer's Market/Community Garden Program.

The Mechanicville District Public Library's goal for this program was to partner with local farmers, makers and organizations to provide an alternative place for the community to shop for healthy food, items and bring about community partnerships. The staff wanted to show its community that the library is there for them not just in books, CDs, and DVDs, but that the library is a vital piece of everyday life. Vendors ranging from local syrup to wood crafts filled spaces at no cost, attracting an average of 400 people each of the 17 Monday markets. A partnership with the Saratoga County Office of the Aging enabled lower income residents to make purchases at the market with their benefit cards, and a partnership with The Lions Club, Saratoga Sod, and local police department resulted in six raised bed gardens, the 30-pound bounty from which was donated to the local food bank.

Mr. Hornstein acknowledged three SALS Staff Awards to:

- Mary Hanley for 20 years of service
- Bill Rougier for 20 years of service
- Sara Dallas for 15 years of service

Mr. Hornstein asked Dale Nemer, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to announce the Election of Trustees to fill the vacancy for Warren County, Washington County and Saratoga County. Ms. Nemer shared that all member libraries were notified of the search process for a trustee from Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties for a term specified in memos set to each member library board president. The "Notice of Annual Business Meeting" sent April 11th informed every member library trustee of the candidates. The following candidates have agreed to serve if nominated, and whose term will expire May, 2023:

- For Warren County: Elaine Cowin for her first five year term.
- For Washington County: Carol Kuhr for her first five year term.
- For Saratoga County: Janet Lindner for her first five year term.

Brief biographical information about these nominees were provided in the April 11th notice. Ms. Nemer asked if there were other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she 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. Hornstein asked Bob Jeffords, Treasurer of the SALS Board, to recognize two outgoing SALS Trustees. Mr. Jeffords with honor and sadness recognized Sandi Payne, Warren County for her ten years of dedicated service and Paul Mays for his tireless leadership roles on numerous committees for 11 years of service. Mr. Jeffords presented Mr. Mays with a gift of appreciation and resolutions from the SALS Board and Senator Betty Little.

Mr. Hornstein invited Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner to come up. Ms. Woerner presented Mr. Mays with a proclamation.

Mr. Hornstein introduced Sara Dallas, SALS Director. Mrs. Dallas thanked everyone for coming to Saratoga Springs to celebrate libraries and library services. She thanked Senators Little, Marchione, Tedisco and Assembly members Butler, McDonald, Stec, Walsh, Woerner, all of whom, recognize the value of libraries in their districts and state-wide and voted to pass a NYS budget that increased library aid and library construction aid. She also thanked Senators Little, Marchione and Tedisco for allocating bullet aid for the libraries in their districts. Mrs. Dallas thanked the SALS Board of Trustees for having the vision and leadership to develop and approve the SALS Plan of Service that supports the work being done in our public libraries. She also conveyed her appreciation of her dedicated SALS and Joint Automation staff who work with the member library staff, boards of trustees, friends and volunteers in our public libraries and thanked them for all that they do.

Mr. Hornstein introduced M. R. Pouloupoulos, an acoustic singer-songwriter from the New York Capital Region, who was the Presenter for the evening. Mr. Pouloupoulos presented his program, part book discussion, part musical performance inspired by William Kennedy's Albany novels.

Mr. Hornstein thanked everyone for coming and asked that name tags be returned on the way out. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Mirra

Recording Secretary