

Ulysses Philomathic Library
Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
Sept. 17, 2024

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

UPL Board members present: R.Montana, President; M.Bertrand, D.Breeden, R.Carver, S.Cantwell, D.Higareda, C.Gottshall, C.Kee, A.Wali

UPL Board members absent: S.Perkins, S.Anderson

Also Present: L.Mielenhausen

Public Comments: n/a

Action Items:

Motion to approve agenda made by D.Breeden, second by C.Kee, no further discussion, unanimous.

Motion made by D.Breeden to approve August minutes as amended, second by R.Carver, no further discussion, unanimous.

Motion was made by D.Breeden to approve August expense reports, second by D.Higareda, no further discussion, unanimous.

Motion was made by C.Gottshall to approve the updated Meeting Room Policy, second by A.Wali; no further discussion; unanimous.

Treasurer's Report by D.Breeden:

Discussion of August expense reports

Director's Report by L. Mielenhausen:

Summer Reading Program Final stats: 4,327 books read and 231 youth signed up!

Met with Eli Diamond, new insurance agent, to go over policies – no huge changes except our deductible went up to \$2500 from \$1500

NY State Construction Grant application has been submitted to FLLS, we are asking for 75% funding, about \$29k

Art & Climate Change talk with Johnson Museum staff, October 23

October staff performance reviews

2025 Budget

Committee reports:

Finance: R.Montana had conversation with Sarah Glogowski, the Finger Lakes Library System director, regarding review of bi-weekly expense checks & approval of payroll. Indeed, the CAC should review and approve before the Treasurer makes final approval for checks to be written.

Path Project: NY State Construction Grant application has been submitted to FLLS, we are asking for 75% funding, about \$29k.

Annual Meeting/Dinner: date is Nov. 2 from 6-8:30pm, at Fellowship Hall at First Presby.Church and have use of back room for babysitting. Committee working on details. C.Gottshall and S.Cantwell volunteered to do “literary quiz”.

Policy: Discussion of updating Meeting Room policy.

Nominating Committee: D.Higareda reports there will be 4 trustees listed in November for 3-yr terms starting January 2025: R.Montana, M.Bertrand, A.Wali, S.Cantwell.

New Business:

Announcement: Sarah Glogowski, the Finger Lakes Library System Director will attend our October meeting and give presentation. Our board meeting will start at 6:30pm

The Annual Finger Lakes Library System annual meeting will be Oct. 18 and held in Ithaca. All trustees are invited.

Discussion of allowing remote on-line participation of meetings for trustees; publish address ahead of time, one-week notice; need person to help Director set up camera.

Next Trustee meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 15 at **6:30pm**

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm, motion was made by C.Kee, second by C.Gottshall