



- Policy Committee: Mirla Morrison presented an update on the policy review. The following policies were discussed and some wording changed. They will be formally presented next month.
  - Building Use
  - Ethics & Conflict of Interest – several trustees have not signed and submitted the statement acknowledging the policy, and were requested by Jim Farrell to do so.
  - Bulletin Board – discussed and reviewed
- Foundation liaison Mirla Morrison will be handing off that responsibility to Samantha Brail.

#### Resolutions

- **Resolution 25**  
*Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees accepts, with thanks, a donation from Stephan Henderson & John D. Henderson, Mirla and George Morrison and Christina and Paul Surovich, friends of Flora Naar, in the collective amount of \$175.*  
*The revenue will be entered on line OPLI-2705.000 - Gifts and Donations.*  
 Move to accept with thanks. unanimously approved.

#### Correspondence

- OPL received letters of thanks from prison facilities that have received books donated by the library.
- President Staudter shared a “thank you” plaque from the Department of Commerce for the library’s participation in the 2010 census.

#### Old Business

- *Resolution to amend the Charter to have the public elect Trustees beginning in 2011 and to permit a variable number of trustees without further changes to the charter.*

### **RESOLUTION 24 FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION**

**RESOLVED**, that the absolute charter in the first instance granted to the Ossining Public Library, located in Ossining, county of Westchester, State of New York, and serving the Ossining School District, which was granted under the corporate name “Sing Sing Public Library” by action of the Board of Regents on February 9, 1893; which absolute charter was amended by Regents action on July 1, 1901, to change the corporate name to “OSSINING Public Library”, on December 3, 1903, changing the number of trustees from three to five and their terms of office from three to five years and having all of their successors elected by the Ossining Board of Education, and on May 22, 2007, to change the number of trustees from five to seven and their terms of office from five to three years and to add the 501(c)(3) language, be amended to change the number of trustees from seven to a range of five to nine; with the current number being seven and to have trustees elected by the voting residents of the Ossining School District as seats become vacant starting in 2011. The two trustee seats that become vacant in 2011 will be filled by election by the voting residents of the Ossining School District in 2011. In 2012, the two trustee seats that become vacant in 2012, will be filled by election by the voting residents of the

Ossining School District in 2012, and the remaining three seats that become vacant in 2013, will be filled by election by the voting residents of the Ossining School District in 2013. Thereafter all seats will be filled by election by the voting residents of the Ossining School District as they become vacant. If the trustees pass a resolution to increase the number of trustees they may appoint a new trustee until the next annual election at which time a vote to fill the new position will be held.

The discussion of this resolution that began last month was continued.

Accepted on a 5/2 vote: In favor: Samantha Brail, Reginald Bush, Art Jay, Mirla Morrison, Tom Staudter; Opposed: Jaime Aguirre, Peter Capek.

Jim Farrell will file paperwork with Board of Regents.

- Publicity

The board briefly discussed the state of library publicity, including posting of minutes of board meetings on the website.

- The financial audit is progressing very slowly.
- There was nothing new to report regarding PILOT payments.

#### New Business

- Jim Farrell shared two preliminary proposals for upgrading the entrance to the Children's Room. This is a project of the Library Foundation, not the library itself, and would be funded by them.
- The annual WLS statistics report ranking Westchester libraries across a wide range of measures was distributed to board members for their information.
- A Cultural Inclusion Committee was formed to further the work begun informally last year by Tom Staudter, Reginald Bush and Mirla Morrison. They remain on the committee and Jaime Aguirre was added.

A resolution was moved and passed unanimously to correct the meeting schedule passed at the July meeting, which scheduled a meeting on Martin Luther King, Jr. day, a holiday on which the library is closed. The meeting will instead be held on January 24.

Period for Public Expression – No public in attendance

Meeting adjourned at 9:28