

THE SHERMAN LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of the Apr 17, 2023 Regular Meeting

Held at the Sherman Library

BOARD MEMBERS:

Present: Barbara Ireland (President), Mandy Croasmun (Secretary), John Ehrenreich, Dee Ratterree, Sharon Kleinberg (Co-Treasurer, via Owl), Irit Granger, PD Villarreal (via Owl)

Absent: Christy Seewagen, Jeff Matusow (Co-Treasurer)

Quorum Present: Yes

Others Present: Ashleigh Blake (Executive Director)

REVIEW OF THE MEETING'S MINUTES: John Ehrenreich and Dee Ratterree

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: Barbara Ireland made a motion to approve, through unanimous consent, the minutes of the March 6th board meeting. There was no objection, and the motion was approved.

CALL TO ORDER: Barb Ireland called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Barbara Ireland asked if Ashleigh Blake had anything to add to her report or if there were any questions on her March 2023 report. There were no questions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: There was no secretary's report.

TREASURER, INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: Barbara Ireland asked if there were questions on the financial report submitted by Jeff Matusow. There were no questions.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: There was no investment report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: The nominating committee has three positions to fill with the departures of Mariya Hurwitz, Joanna Johnson and Ellen Archer.

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE REPORT: The programming committee is looking for one new member.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Barbara Ireland asked the Fundraising Chairpersons if they had anything to add or if there were any questions on their reports.

- Dee Ratterree presented the final results of the Golden Ticket fundraiser event.
- Amanda Croasmun gave an update on the Women's Soiree. The event is May 26th and will require volunteer time from all Trustees. Ticket sales have begun and donations are being accepted in the donation bin at the Sherman Library.

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- Ashleigh Blake gave an update that the Library Golf Outing is on track. The event will be run by Al and Lauren Kenney and will be held at Anglebrook Golf Club Monday August 7. Trustee volunteers will be needed at this all-day event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AUDIO/ VISUAL PROJECT

A new system to assist the hearing impaired that is portable is being considered as an addition to the existing Hearing Loop system that resides only in the Barn. Hearing Loop is now 10 years old and still works effectively. The new hearing system would be for Library front room and multi-purpose room.

BUDGET HEARINGS UPDATE

Ashleigh reported that several Trustee members attended the second Town Hall meeting on March 29 to support the Library budget. The next meeting is Saturday April 22 at 10am and Trustees are asked to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

ORIENTATION MOMENT

Barbara Ireland discussed board operations and processes with the Trustees including the history of incorporation and editions of the by-laws.

TECHNICAL MOTION RELATED TO CHANGE IN PRESIDENCY

Amanda Croasmun made a motion that as of April 17, 2023 newly appointed board president Barbara Ireland will have access to the SLA Webster Bank accounts, the SLA safe deposit box at Webster Bank and the Vanguard account. Additionally, Barbara Ireland is recognized as a signatory on all SLA financial accounts including Sherman Library Association Webster Bank accounts and the Vanguard account. As of this meeting on April 17th, Mariya Hurwitz will be removed from access to all SLA accounts.

Motion seconded by Irit Granger. All in favor. Motion passed.

Barbara Ireland made a motion that as of April 17th, 2023 executive director Ashleigh Blake will have access to the SLA Webster Bank accounts, the SLA safe deposit box and Vanguard account. Additionally, Ashleigh Blake is recognized as a signatory on all SLA financial accounts including all Sherman Library Association Webster Bank accounts and the Vanguard account.

Motion seconded by Dee Ratterree. All in favor. Motion passed.

SPRING CLEANING

Ashleigh Blake gave an update on large bulk items at the library that are scheduled to be removed to clean up the facilities and reduce clutter.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION - Trustee Vacancy, Staffing and Strategy: Barb Ireland made a motion to move the meeting into Executive Session at 8:04 PM. Dee Ratterree seconded the motion.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Barb Ireland noted the return from executive session at 8:35 PM. Dee Ratterree seconded the motion.

Board appointed new Trustee member Katy Osborne, pending formal election later this year.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Barb Ireland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM, Dee Ratterree seconded the motion.

NEXT MEETING:

May 8, 2023. 6:30PM Regular Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Croasmun
Board of Trustees, Secretary