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Board of Trustees

June 9, 2021 – Annual Meeting held virtually

PRESENT: Michael Poost; Fred Wobrock, Jr.; Evelyn Greenstein; Tara Ricard; Yvette Terplak; Lisa Scoons; Jackie Marino; Sarah Goff; Jill Dugas Hughes; Scott Wyner; Susan Keitel; Antonio Booth

Absent: Herb Hennings; Arlene Way

UHLS Staff: Tim Burke; Jona Favreau; M. Fellows; N. Hurteau; J. Thornton; J. Sherry; A. Pitlyk; A. DuBrey; R. Cheng

59th Annual Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

T. Burke welcomed everyone to the Annual Celebration at 4:32PM. While it was a very different year, it was another great year – thank you for attending and celebrating everyone’s hard work. N. Hurteau asked everyone to turn off their cameras and microphones during the presentation.

II. FEATURED PRESENTATION

M. Fellows, Chair of the Anti-Racism Task Force, introduced Dr. Gretchen Sorin and UHLS Board President Antonio Booth. Rev. Booth conducted a wide ranging and informative interview with Dr. Sorin in which they discussed her book *Driving While Black* and the accompanying PBS documentary; her own experiences regarding racism and social justice; and how public libraries can help address these issues in their own communities.

III. AWARDS PRESENTATION

T. Ricard, Representative of the Administration Committee, read the list of Volunteer of the Year nominees and then presented the Award to Jonathan Skinner and Roger Green from the Albany Public Library. The honorees were invited to make their acceptance remarks.

T. Ricard read the list of Trustee of the Year nominees and then presented the Award to Maureen Sikule from the Town of Westerlo Public Library. She was invited to make her acceptance remarks.

S. Goff, Chair of the Services Committee, read the list of Program of the Year nominees in each category (Adult and Youth & Family) and then presented the following awards with staff from the awarded libraries providing a brief presentation about the program:

Youth & Family Program of the Year: Nursery Rhyme & Fairy Tale Adventure Drive
Through Family StoryTime - Voorheesville Public
Library
Adult Program of the Year: Dear Stranger – RCS Community Library

IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Report by E. Greenstein, Committee Chair

The Committee presented the following slate for the UHLS Board of Trustees:

- Susan Keitel – representing Small Libraries in Albany County
(For a full 5 year term ending in 2026)
- Tara Ricard – representing Medium Libraries in Albany County
(For a 4 year term ending in 2025)
- Camille Engel – representing Medium Libraries in Rensselaer County
(For a full 4 year term ending in 2025)
- Lisa Scoons – representing the Bethlehem Public Library
(For a 4 year term ending in 2025)

The slate includes three seats for election for 4 year terms which are the result of a “pandemic adjustment” to board terms in 2020.

MOTION: The Nominating Committee presented the above slate. S. Goff seconded. Unanimously adopted by the membership in attendance.

E. Greenstein acknowledged the service of S. Goff, H. Hennings and M. Poost and thanked them for their contribution of the leadership of the Upper Hudson Library System. She also thanked JoAnne Brady, trustee of the Berne Public Library and LouAnne Lundgren, trustee of the Poestenkill Library for their services on this year’s Nominating Committee.

V. CONCLUSION

T. Burke closed the Celebration by acknowledging the UHLS staff and noting that he enjoys working with a dedicated and flexible group of people.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

07/05/21 J. Favreau