



## UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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### Board of Trustees March 8, 2023

PRESENT: Evelyn Greenstein; Lisa Scoons; Susan Keitel; Marcy Savage; Fred Wobrock, Jr.; Jackie Marino; Scott Wyner; Tara Ricard; Camille Engel; Antonio Booth  
Excused: Corie Dugas; Arlene Way; Joe Burke; Yvette Terplak  
UHLS Staff: Tim Burke; Jona Favreau

4:36 PM – Meeting called to order by S. Keitel, President.

#### I. MINUTES

S. Keitel had two minor grammatical edits.

**MOTION:** M. Savage moved to approve the February 8, 2023 Minutes. S. Wyner seconded. Unanimous.

#### II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Burke highlighted the following in his written report:

- Advocacy Day: Meetings weren't cancelled but quite a few advocates that usually travel did not come due to the weather. Still have one more meeting to do with Chris Tague. S. Keitel encouraged everyone in the room to write letters to our legislators and leadership NOW. J. Marino asked about the several bills that Max Prime mentioned – T. Burke indicated that the NYLA legislative priorities were included in the Advocacy Day packet and that there is typically a NYLA-led effort to do legislative advocacy after the budget negotiations are completed and before session ends. UHLS will share any calls to action on the legislative priorities during that period.
- Reciprocal Lending Agreement: Mohawk Valley Library System and Southern Adirondack Library System are now joining the RLA we have in place with MHLS! Expecting this update to go live March 27 and we're excited to allow users from the partnering libraries access to even more digital content.
- System Support Associate Leaving: A. Pitlyk has decided to resign from her position effective March 17. The position has been posted and we're looking to start interviews the first week of April. She has made a real difference for UHLS and the member libraries and we will miss her.
- UHLS Annual Meeting for 2023: We're looking to host an annual meeting in-person this year – typically would be held on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – and we're open to hear ideas about what this event could look like. After much discussion, the consensus is: in person,

finger foods rather than a sit down dinner, possibly in a library but focusing on the member libraries and the award winners over a keynote speaker.

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Finance Committee

F. Wobrock noted that despite being negative \$230k, we are still in great shape per the Treasurer's Report and the amount of money the organization has to keep things running while we wait for state funding. He pointed out that the Building Restricted account increased from a construction grant reimbursement. The Purchase Journal was very routine: \$112k annual payment was made to Sierra, our cataloging program and \$150 to a member library from J. Wine's department for a notary reimbursement.

**MOTION:** The Finance Committee did not have a quorum. Acting as trustee, F. Wobrock moved to adopt the February 2023 Treasurer's Reports and Purchase Journals. A. Booth seconded. Unanimous.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

S. Keitel asked if the UHLS trustees were required to complete the mandatory education hours – no. T. Burke explained that many of you will, as you're currently serving on member library boards, however there is nothing written in law regarding library system trustees.

### V. NEW BUSINESS

### VI. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- A. Booth (RCSC): At the RCS Community Library, \$40k of plumbing work is currently happening and the bathrooms are closed (porta potty is being offered to staff and public). Staff did go through the equity training and unfortunately it highlighted some inconsistencies in training staff from McLean.
- J. Marino (VALF): J. Marino mentioned the Librarian of the Year highlighted in the Library Journal – an Oklahoma teacher was fired for offering banned books but the good news is that she's now working for the Brooklyn Public Library and over 6k teens now have access to banned books digitally.
- M. Savage (COLN): COLN has a new town supervisor who wants the town historian based out of the library. While this is new and some shifting will have to be done, it's a great opportunity to draw more people into the library.

**MOTION:** A. Booth moved to adjourn. C. Engel seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

04/05/23 J. Favreau