

SOUTHERN TIER LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 25, 2011
Annual Meeting, Bath Country Club
7:00 pm

MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Bonnie Weber (presiding)	- 2011	Denise King	- 2014
Philip Archer	- 2012	Pat Selwood	- 2013
Sherry Collins	- 2015	Jerry Smyder	- 2014
Judith Cross	- 2014	Ruth Sprague	- 2012
Maija DeRoche	- 2013	Dale Wexell	- 2015
		Alfred Yanda	- 2015

TRUSTEES EXCUSED:

Martin Green	- 2013
Cindy Emmer	- 2012
Diana Figenscher	- 2011

Awards

Ruth Sprague, Chair, Outstanding Advocate for Libraries Award presented
David Crowley, Cuba Circulating Library Association, with this year's award.

New York State Assemblymen

Assemblyman Phil Palmesano and Assemblyman Chris Friend each spoke and applauded libraries for how much they contribute to the communities they serve.

Trustee Bonnie Weber called the meeting to order at 7pm. She welcomed the audience and then called upon Trustee Cross to conduct the election.

Candidates for STLS Board of Trustees

Trustee Judy Cross, chairperson of the STLS Nominations Committee, introduced candidates for the STLS Board of Trustees. She then asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none Trustee Cross asked the Secretary of the Board, Phil Archer to cast the vote for the approval of the election of the STLS Board of Trustees Candidates.

The following were unanimously elected to the STLS Board of Trustees:

Diane Figenscher , Allegany County	Bonnie Weber , Steuben County
Alfred Yanda , Allegany County	Patricia Selwood , Yates County
Denise King , Chemung County	
Cindy Emmer , Chemung County	
Maija DeRoche , Schuyler County	

Amendment of STLS By-Laws

Trustee Sherry Collins, chairperson of the STLS Policies Committee, reviewed the proposed changes to the STLS By-laws. After a motion to approve the changes and a second were made from the floor, Trustee Collins asked for questions and comments. Hearing none, she asked for a show of hands, one representing each member library, voting yes. None voted no. The motion was approved unanimously.

Evaluation of STLS Services

Trustee Sherry Collins, chairperson of the STLS System Services Committee, reviewed the results of the August STLS Services Evaluation.

President's Remarks

Board President Bonnie Weber introduced STLS trustees and reminded the audience that at the 2010 Annual Meeting, she had reported that STLS was working on creating a foundation. She reported that the Foundation had been created and introduced Dr. Dale Wexell, President of the newly formed Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries. Trustee Wexell described the creation of the Foundation, its goals for the first years. He also introduced a raffle for participants who made a contribution or a pledge to the Foundation that night.

Executive Director's Report

Ristiina Wigg recognized 100% community support in the 2011 for public library budget propositions, introduced the STLS staff and their lifeline services to member libraries, described the STLS Advocacy work in creating a new brochure for the System, emphasized the importance of advocacy, and invited everyone to Albany, Tuesday, March 6th, 2012.

Guest Speakers

Michael Wetherbee, Superintendent of Schools, Wayland-Cohocton Central Schools spoke on the topic "*Preparing Young People for the 21st Century.*" He described how his school district is expanding learning opportunities at every level to prepare young people to live in a globally-connected world.

Steve Berry, New York Times best-selling author of international thrillers, was present by way of Skype. He intrigued the audience with his sense of humor and tales of becoming an author.

Raffle

Trustee Wexell conducted the raffle; over \$1,000 in contributions and pledges were made to the Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

The next Board meeting will be held at the Dormann Library, Bath on November 15, 2011 at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Houck