

Manlius Library
2014 Annual Meeting
February 13, 2014

Trustees Present: Lynette Jozefczyk, Sue Padjen, Salvatore Pavone, Dick Schlote, Karen Steinberg (via Google Hangouts), and Dee Tanner

Patrons Present: Keith Alford, Margot Baxter, Dave D'Ambrosio, Harold Hopkinson, Mike Jozefczyk, Sherene Pavone, Laura Pierie, Tom Pilewski, Ron Russell, and Bill Tanner

Call to Order: President Sue Padjen called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Community Room of the Library. A quorum was present.

President's Report and Opening Remarks: Ms. Padjen introduced the board members present at the meeting and also introduced Keith Alford, liaison to the Manlius Library from the OCPL board. Ms. Padjen noted changes in 2013 to the library board: Two-term trustee, James Godleski, resigned from the board due to relocating for a new job. She remarked that over the years, Mr. Godleski and his accounting firm, Fust, Charles, Chambers, had provided wonderful financial wisdom and donated their time in filing the library's annual 990 tax form. Mr. Robert Weiler was elected by the board to fill the vacancy and complete the term left by the resignation of Mr. Godleski. Mr. Weiler's legal expertise will benefit the board greatly. Two trustees are leaving the board because their terms are completed. Ms. Padjen praised Lynette Jozefczyk for her leadership, dedication, and hours of time as chair of the Fundraising Committee. She raised thousands of dollars over the years and will be greatly missed. Ms. Padjen noted that her tenure on the board has also concluded.

In addition to the board changes in 2013, Library Director Pat Infantine retired in September after 24 years of service. Ms. Padjen expressed her gratitude for her commitment to the library and the community. She remarked that Ms. Infantine had raised the bar for library services at Manlius and within the county. Upon Ms. Infantine's retirement, the library board established the Pat Infantine Scholarship, a \$500 award which can be applied for by any student in their senior year of high school, living within the Fayetteville-Manlius community, who plans to pursue a higher education.

A major undertaking of the board in 2013 was to hire a new library director. The search process lasted several months, and the search committee interviewed excellent candidates. Because the search committee had worked diligently and defined what was necessary in a leader, this huge endeavor turned out very successfully for the library in the candidacy of Mr. Matt DeLaney. The board was excited to offer him the position as Library Director, and he assumed the directorship on September 1. Ms. Padjen stated that among Mr. DeLaney's strengths are his ability to collaborate with people, his passion for libraries and the communities they serve, his exceptional knowledge about what it takes to run a successful library, and his vision for the future. She noted that Ms. Infantine was very happy to be able to turn the library over to Mr. DeLaney's capable hands.

Ms. Padjen expressed her sincere thanks to board member Karen Steinberg for her leadership in the writing and adoption of the library's Technology Plan. Her depth of knowledge and experience are invaluable, and Ms. Steinberg will continue to be at the forefront of planning and visioning regarding technology for the library.

Contributions by community members to the Annual Fund equal \$23,500 as of February 7. Ms. Padjen expressed her gratitude to the FM community for such direct tangible financial support as well as their

strong show of support with 73.7% “yes” votes on the 2014 library budget during the FM school budget vote process in May 2013.

A notable highlight of 2013 was the selection of Manlius Library by *Library Journal* as a 3-star library. This is a national recognition by *Library Journal* of libraries whose levels of service delivery distinguish them among their peers and is a real accomplishment. Ms Padjen thanked the community and library staff.

Approval of Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting: Mr. Dick Schlote moved approval of the minutes of the 2013 annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sal Pavone and passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer’s Assistant Dick Schlote presented the 2013 year-end financial report and the 2014 proposed budget. The year-end report shows a surplus of approximately \$8,000. The proposed 2014 budget of \$1,279,469 increases expenses for personnel and technology due to changes in staffing and the implementation of the new Technology Plan. There were no questions asked from the floor about the treasurer’s report.

Election of Trustees: Ms. Padjen, chair of the Nominating Committee, nominated Ronald Russell and Laura Pierie for 3-year terms expiring in February 2017. There were no nominations from the floor. Ms. Jozefczyk moved that the nominees be accepted. The motion was seconded by Bill Tanner and passed unanimously. Ms. Padjen then presented the slate of officers for the coming year: Karen Steinberg, President; Dee Tanner, Vice-President; David Ayoub, Treasurer; and Dick Schlote, Secretary.

Director’s Remarks: Mr. DeLaney thanked Ms. Padjen for her service to the library and for all her support and help during the transition over the 6 months he has been director. By any measure, Manlius Library is outstanding, due to its great board and great staff, and he is very happy to be a part of it. Mr. DeLaney also praised Pat Infantine’s leadership over the years, noting that her leadership built the library into what it is today.

In presenting the 2013 Annual Report, Mr. DeLaney highlighted *Library Journal’s* recognition of Manlius as a 3-star library. Nationally, only 31 out of 1400 libraries in our category achieved this rating. He noted that this award could not have been earned without the amazing and dedicated staff, volunteers and trustees who work with the community to make the library a true community center. He praised members of the library’s leadership team and the staff for their contributions to the library’s success by serving over 250,000 patrons through its outstanding summer reading program, reference services, updated technology, book clubs, adult and children’s programming, community outreach, story times, technical processing services, café services, and circulation team who registered more than 1,000 new users in 2013 and circulated over 300,000 items.

Director DeLaney emphasized that Manlius Library has become a critical heart of the community by engaging its members and inspiring ideas, and he recalled Victor Hugo’s words that “Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come.”

In closing, Director DeLaney thanked Ms. Padjen and Ms. Jozefczyk for their service on the board and presented them with tokens of the library’s appreciation.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Tanner, seconded by Ms. Jozefczyk, and approved by all present.

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Baxter, Recorder