

# THE SHERMAN LIBRARY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Held at the Sherman Library

#### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Present:** Amanda Croasmun (Assistant Secretary), John Ehrenreich, Irit Granger, Mariya Hurwitz (President), Barbara Ireland (Vice President), Joanna Johnson, Dee Ratterree, PD Villarreal

**Absent:** Jeff Matusow (Treasurer), Christy Seewagen, Ellen Archer, Sharon Kleinberg

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Others Present:** ED Ashleigh Blake

**REVIEW OF THE MEETING'S MINUTES:** Elpidio Villarreal and Joanna Johnson

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:** Mariya Hurwitz motioned to approve, through unanimous consent, the minutes of the November 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting. There was no objection, and the motion was approved.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mariya Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mariya Hurwitz asked if Ashleigh Blake had anything to add to her report or if there were any questions on her December 2022 report. There were no questions.

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

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

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:** There was no investment committee report.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Barbara Ireland reported that Sharon Kleinberg had been elected as a Trustee therefore filling all 12 Trustee positions.

**PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE REPORT:** There was no programming committee report.

#### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

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

- Irit Granger, Silent Auction Co-Chair described the success of the Winter Gala silent auction.
- Mariya Hurwitz, Gala Co-Chair described the Winter Gala financial outcome.
- Barbara Ireland and Dee Ratterree, Golden Ticket Co-Chairs reported that appeal letters for sponsorships of prizes have been mailed.
- Laura Jagodzinski will chair the Soiree and Mandy Croasmun volunteered to co-chair.

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### BOARD SERVICE AGREEMENT

Mariya Hurwitz made a motion to move to take the Board Service Agreement off the table that was tabled at the November 21st Board Meeting.

Motion seconded by Dee Ratterree. All in favor.

Mariya made a motion to accept the Board Service Agreement as written. Motion seconded by Dee Ratterree. Discussion followed. Decision was made to retable the Board Service Agreement until the February Board Meeting. The motion to accept the Board Service Agreement was withdrawn by Mariya and second was withdrawn by Dee.

Mariya made a motion to table the Board Service Agreement until the February Board Meeting. Dee seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

#### PROGRAM POLICY

Mariya made a motion to move to take the Program Policy off the table that was tabled at the November 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting. Joanna Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mariya made a motion to approve the Program Policy as written. Barbara Ireland seconded the motion. Discussion followed. All in favor. Motion passed.

#### TRUSTEE BUILDING ACCESS

Joanna Johnson presented building access solutions that would utilize keyless entry options for Trustee members. Discussion followed and decision to continue discussion until February.

#### BUILDING FILTRATION UPDATE

Mariya asked John Ehrenreich if discussion could continue until February.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### DRAFT 2023-2024 SLA BUDGET

Mariya Hurwitz made a motion to approve the Draft 2023-2024 SLA Budget. Dee seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Decision made to approve the Budget contingent on Ashleigh Blake's discussion with Selectman Don Lowe's intent to inflation adjust the budget but the inflation factor would not be lower than 3% as currently proposed in the draft budget. All in favor. Motion passed.

#### JOSEPH LUZZI EVENT UPDATE

Elpidio Villareal is sponsoring author Joseph Luzzi to speak at the Sherman Library on February 11 about his book Botticelli's Secret.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Trustee Vacancy, Staffing and Strategy:** Mariya Hurwitz motioned to move the meeting into Executive Session at 9:10 PM. Barbara Ireland seconded the motion.

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mariya Hurwitz noted the return from executive session at 9:21 PM.

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**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Mariya Hurwitz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM, Barbara seconded the motion.

**NEXT MEETING:**

February 13, 2023. 6:30PM Regular Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Croasmun  
Board of Trustees, Assistant Secretary