



Minutes

Annual Meeting- Election of Officers

19 Dec./ 2024 6:00 PM

Attendees

Christine Fitzpatrick; Lori Acee; Meredith Tower; Andy Manion; Patricia Burnam; Stan Lockwood; Martha and Mike Iacolucci; Danielle Thomson; Jim Carter; Sander Bonvell, and Betsy Budd

Opening, Welcome, and Annual Report by Christine Fitzpatrick.

Christine presented an Annual Report including a rundown of our activities and accomplishments during this busy and productive year. We have been singularly focused on doing all we can to assist the Library Board of Trustees with the Capital Campaign. The Friends ran several programs to raise funds and awareness for the Capital Campaign including a seminar on book collecting, a successful trivia night, we hosted a table at Movies in the Park and a book sale and raffle at The Way We Were Car Show in October. The Friends also assisted the Library Board of Trustees and staff in preparing the library for renovations.

The Library Board of Trustees, with the support of local organizations, businesses, foundations, the NYS Division of Library Development, the Friends, residents, the Village, local representatives and Butler Rowland Mays Architects, LLP has secured more than \$500,000 in grants and donations.

Our remarkably busy year closed out with a wonderful groundbreaking celebration on Nov. 17. More than one hundred individuals attended the festivities, and work began on Phase 1 a – a two-story addition, which will house a new reading room and a local history room.

Christine thanked all FOBSPL members who contributed to our success in 2024 by organizing/working events, writing grants or helping us get the word out about the Capital Campaign for our beloved library.

Finally, she also sent out our annual call for new and renewed memberships in FOBSPL and outlined the benefits of membership. Also, if a member joined within the last quarter of 2024, their membership will be extended through 2025. She voiced her appreciation for all we have done and wished all a happy holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year.

2-- Merideth Tower provided the following Annual Treasurer's Report, summary to date. (Additional information will be coming this January):

Capital Campaign Year in Review 2024

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Current Balance for all accounts \$241,632.78

Capital Campaign: \$239,018.49

Operating Funds: \$2,614.29

Highlights

- Stewart's Shops and the Dake Family Fund of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region \$50,000 donation
- Ballston Spa National Bank \$5,000 – first installment. \$5,000 for three additional years will be distributed.
- NYS Assembly/Marybeth Walsh's Bullet Grant received by the Village - \$40,000
- Department of Library Development (DLD) Grant Awarded and received by the Village - \$502,474
- Participation in the Car Show, Village Movie Nights, Dan Berggren Concert, Trivia Night, and other events raised over \$1,000 throughout the year.

Additional stats from our individual donors from January 2024 to December 2024

Type of Donor	Total Amount	Minimum Amount	Maximum Amount
Individual	\$18,206.14	\$25.00	\$12,610.00
Business	\$6,950.00	\$200.00	\$5,000.00
Charity	\$55,190.00	\$12.00	\$50,000.00
Total	\$80,346.14		
Amount Range	Number of Donors		
\$1 - \$24	7		
\$25 - \$49	5		
\$50 - \$99	4		
\$100 - \$499	9		
\$500+	11		
Total	36		

Online Payment Type	Amount	Transaction Fee	Net Amount
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PayPal	\$571.14	-\$15.30	\$555.84
Venmo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Note: we had one transaction through Venmo, but it was from admission to the Dan Berggren concert			

Expenses

The Following pre-construction invoices were paid in 2024:

Invoice	Date	Amount
BRMA 3	12/27/2023	8,150.00
BRMA 4	1/29/2024	6,550.00
Ambient Environmental, Inc	2/26/2024	2,150.00
BRMA 5	2/28/2024	19,500.00
BRMA 6	3/29/2024	2,550.00
BRMA 7	4/30/2024	2,550.40
BRMA 8	7/3/2024	2,598.00
BRMA 9	8/2/2024	350.00
BRMA 10	9/9/2024	3,150.00
		47,548.40

FOBSPLL will soon receive a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the Village, and FOBSPL will issue a check in the amount of \$167,491 to the Village which is the matching funds for the DLD grant. It is unclear if that will occur before the end of 2024.

Follow up.

A Final 2024 Treasurer report will be issued at January's meeting to include the full year's activity. Additional stats can be added such as how much was received in donation for our different events during the year.

Other topics discussed:

- Adjusting the outdoor thermometer, which shows how much we have received so far in terms of donations.
- Suggestions for 2025 programs: another Trivia Night; A Dance Party; A walking tour of all the sites in the village that have been previous homes to our library over the years, with refreshments and a last stop at the Sage Wine and Spirits for a tasting and toast.

Ballots were distributed to elect the FOBSPL Slate of Officers for 2025 and were collected for a tally. In 2025, the FOBSPL Board of Directors and Officers will be as follows:

Christine Fitzpatrick – President

Danielle Thomson - Vice President

Shelley Fenton – Secretary

Meredith Tower – Treasurer

Pat Burnham – Member Representative

Stan Lockwood – Member Representative

Mandy Rider – Member Representative

A Motion was made to adopt the minutes from our November 21st meeting and Pat Burnham seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. and was followed by a Holiday Gathering.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday 1/16 at 31 Chapman St. Ballston Spa, NY.