

Annual Meeting Minutes February 9, 2023

Kathleen Riegelhaupt called the meeting to order, with 14 members present and 28 proxy forms for a quorum.

Jan Kelsey moved to approve the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting, and Maria Seiler seconded. All approved.

Kathleen delivered her remarks, thanking the City of Rye for support. She acknowledged Chris Shoemaker and the entire library staff for all their efforts and their responsiveness to the needs of the community and the changing uses of the library. The library is working with architects and flood mitigation specialists to devise plans to address the flooding issues, preserve materials on the lower level and respond to the community's needs. She acknowledged and thanked the Auxiliary Board for its fundraising and friend raising efforts. She also thanked all the library members for their continued support and generosity.

Kathleen then thanked Trish Muccia, Daire Brown and Mike Karmilowicz for their service and presented them with plaques. Kathleen welcomed Emma Crozier and Ryan Crozier, middle school and high school spelling bee winners. She presented them with their trophies.

Matt Anderson delivered a tribute in memory of Marjorie Shapiro, the Osborn Librarian, who had recently passed away. Her warm and friendly presence in the library will be missed by the entire Osborn community.

Maria Seiler reported on the library's financial performance for the year. The library had a very successful Annual Campaign raising over \$344,000. The Auxiliary Board's fundraising efforts including Novel Night, the Vehicle Fair and the book sale, were extremely successful. The City of Rye remains the library's largest funder and she thanked the City for its continued support. The endowment was down 7.4% due to fluctuations in the market.

Nicole Cunningham reported on the strategic plan which was updated this year. The plan is based on three pillars: community, family and literacy. There are five strategic areas: literacy (with particular emphasis on addressing the falloff shown to occur around age 9), library cards for students, community interests, sustainability of the building and reputation enhancement.

Chris Shoemaker summarized the work of the library noting that it had been a busy one. The library had over 175,000 visitors which is an increase of 14%, making 2022 a rebound year. There were 1,213 programs and 971 new library cards were issued. Over 40,000 reference questions were answered. The library added 8,842 new items. Many of these (over 4,400) were for the children's collection to replace materials damaged by the flooding from Ida. Chris thanked the library staff for their hard work and creativity and the members for their continued support.

Georgia Dyer reported on the accomplishments of the Auxiliary Board. The Vehicle Fair returned in May with over 300 attendees. The Book Sale sold over 6,000 books, raising over \$11,000. Novel Night was a big success with over 500 attendees. She thanked all the members of the Auxiliary Board for their commitment and creativity.

Kathleen introduced the new trustees for the Class of 2026: Lina Eroh, Jaclyn Shanahan, and Katherine Vernace as new trustees to the Rye Free Reading Room Board of Trustees. Continuing trustees are Kane O'Neill and Matt Anderson. Maria Seiler moved to approve the trustees for the Class of 2026, and Nicole Cunningham seconded. All approved.

Kathleen introduced the officers for 2023. Kristin Bucci would serve her first year as President. Lina Eroh would serve her first year as Vice President. Jan Kelsey would serve a third year as Secretary, and Maria Seiler would serve a second year as Treasurer. Nicole Cunningham moved to approve the officers for 2023 and Shelley Huber seconded. All approved.

Kristin Bucci then took over the meeting and thanked the library staff for their commitment and devotion to the library. She called for any Old Business and any New Business. There being none, she asked for a motion to adjourn the 2023 Annual Meeting. Nicole Cunningham so moved and Jan Kelsey seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.