

Croton Free Library
Board Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2018

PRESENT

Trustees: Leslie Ellis, President; Sid Franks, Lynn Kaudarer, Adora Lam, Mary McFerran, Marianne Merola, Howie Myers, Susan Ranis, Ned Rust.

Croton Free Library Association: Karen Zevin, President; Lisa Dashman, Secretary; Patricia Foley; Meredith Hertlein, Treasurer.

Library Director: Jesse Bourdon

ABSENT

Trustees: Sharyse Eisinger.

Association: Meredith Hertlein, Elizabeth Hiller, Laura Jaeger, Lori Zablow-Salles.

Karen Zevin called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

She explained the purpose of the CFLA. She announced that the minutes of the April 25, 2017 Annual Meeting will be distributed via email and will be voted on at the “Blue Sky” meeting on June 11, 2018.

CFLA Officers

She introduced Association members and co-vice presidents Elizabeth Hiller and Lori Zablow, who are stepping down from their positions, thanking them for their ideas, work, and support.

She introduced Laura Jaeger as candidate for CFLA vice-president. A vote was taken, and the motion was carried.

She introduced Meredith Hertlein as candidate for CFLA treasurer. A vote was taken, and the motion was carried.

She introduced Lisa Dashman as candidate for CFLA secretary. A vote was taken, and the motion was carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Meredith Hertlein went through the report. A vote was taken to accept the report, and the motion was carried.

Board Report

Barry Fein delivered the President’s End-of-Year report, including:

- Jesse Bourdon completed Year 1 as Library Director.

- Thao Nguyen (Weng) was hired as Assistant Director, replacing Jesse.
- Two very successful Book & Bake Sales

- Two ComicCons, the first with 1,200 attendees and the second with 1,600 attendees.
- Two "Croton Reads": Mary Roach (June 2017) talking about her latest book, *Grunt – The Curious Science of Humans at War*, and Alison Pataki (March 2018) talking about her first book, *The Traitor's Wife*.
- Renovation of the CreativeSpace were completed.
- New air-conditioning and heating units were installed.
- Update of the Library's budgeting and reporting software.
- Continuation of being an official warming center during power outages.

Library Director's Report

Jesse Bourdon addressed the new initiatives, emphasizing that the Library is always searching for innovative ways to improve service. He reminded everyone about the May 15 budget vote: the Library is seeking a 2.3% increase to our tax levy (about \$19,000) to enable annual increases in minimum wage, cost of living, insurance coverage as well as the mandatory paid family leave that went into effect in 2018. He thanked the Association for its dedication, and Barry Feinberg and Howard Myers whose 5-year terms on the CFL Board of Trustees expire today.

New Board Trustees

Karen introduced three candidates for Trustee: Lynn Kaudarer, Susan Ranis and Edgar (Ned) Rust. All were confirmed by a vote. Lynn Kaudarer and Edgar Rust will serve for 5 years. Susan will replace a trustee and serve for one year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Dashman, CFLA Secretary