

September 13, 2005

Board of Trustees of the Gloversville Public Library Special Meeting

The special September 13, 2005 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Gloversville Public Library was called to order by President Christine Pesses at 5:04 p.m. Present were: Jay Ephraim, David Heacock, Michael Ponticello, Patricia Klohck and Acting Director Barbara Madonna. Absent was David Fisher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointment to vacant trustee position - Chris Pesses described the process by which the vacancy was announced and interested candidates could apply. Two legal notices were placed in the Leader-Herald on August 15th and 22nd. Interested candidates were to write a letter of interest to Chris care of the Library at 58 E. Fulton St., Gloversville, NY 12078.

She also reviewed the term of office. The individual would fill the vacancy until the next election, Spring of 2006, at which time the position would be filled by a majority vote of the voters of the Gloversville Enlarged School District. The elected position would complete the remaining 2 years of the vacant term where upon the position would be up for a 5 year term appointment.

Three individuals stepped forward: Elizabeth Batchelor, Diane Hosley, and Dorothy LaPorta. A brief biography for each was obtained in lieu of a Candidates Night that the elected trustees had participated in. The biographies were distributed to the trustees prior to the meeting for review.

The meeting was then open to discussion of the candidates.

By a show of hands, with Chris abstaining, Elizabeth Batchelor was unanimously elected.

The appointment will be effective immediately with the Oath of Office give at the next regular monthly meeting of the Trustees on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the YWCA Community Room.

Appointment of 2 board representatives to the Foundation Board – David Heacock described the make up of the Board of the Gloversville Library Foundation as outlined by the Foundation's Bylaws. 2 voting positions are to be filled with appointments by the Board of Trustees of the Gloversville Public Library board. There positions will be appointed annually by the Public Library Board, and may be trustees or other individuals chosen by the Board to represent the public library. It was reasoned that initially two members of the Public Library Board of Trustees should act as the Library Board's representatives to insure seamless communications between the two groups. The names of David Fisher and Michael Ponticello were offered. With Chris abstaining, the representatives were unanimously appointed.

Handicapped Entrance – a brief update was provided and David Heacock requested the Board's approval to make further inquires into the issue of new grab bars for the new bathroom. Permission was granted.

Patricia Klohck made the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Madonna, Acting Director