

***Manlius Library***  
***2015 Annual Meeting***  
***February 12, 2015***

**Trustees Present:** Mario Bottoni, Mary Karpinski, Ron Russell, Dick Schlote, Dee Tanner, and Bob Weiler

**Also Present:** Margot Baxter, Matt DeLaney, Kori Gerbig, Lainie LaRonde, Hannah Nast, Meghan Tamilio, and William Tanner

**Call to Order:** Vice President Dee Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Community Room of the Library. A quorum was present.

**Welcome and President's Report:** Mrs. Tanner welcomed everyone, thanked all present for their attendance, and delivered remarks prepared by President Steinberg, who was out-of-town and unable to attend the meeting. President Steinberg's remarks are incorporated herein by reference.

**Approval of Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting:** Vice President Tanner asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting. Mr. Russell made a motion which was seconded by Ms. Karpinski. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mario Bottoni presented the 2014 year-end financials. He reported Manlius Library is in very solid financial standing with good cash flow and very few liabilities. The Library paid \$50,000 on its outstanding bond and added \$20,000 to the Reserve Fund.

**Profit and Loss Statement:** Mr. Bottoni noted that income from Fundraising and Fines/Fees was lower than anticipated but that the Interest Expense on bonds was less than budgeted. 2014 Revenue reflected a \$20,000 increase over 2013 but overall, income and expenses were fairly equivalent to 2013 with only a \$2,700 shortfall for the year.

There being no questions from the floor regarding the Treasurer's report, Mr. Schlote moved to accept the report, and Mr. Weiler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Election of Trustees:** Mr. Schlote, reporting on behalf of the Nominating Committee, recommended re-electing for second 3-year terms, the current board members whose terms had expired : Karen Steinberg, Dee Tanner, and Dick Schlote. There being no nominations from the floor, Mr. Russell moved to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, and Mrs. Karpinski seconded. All present were in favor, and the motion passed.

**Election of Officers:** Mr. Schlote presented the nominations for officers for the year:

President: Karen Steinberg  
Vice President: Dee Tanner  
Treasurer: Mario Bottoni  
Secretary: Dick Schlote

There were no nominations from the floor. Mr. Russell moved to accept the entire slate as presented. Mr. Weiler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Directors Report:** Director DeLaney welcomed all present and thanked the board, staff, volunteers, and patrons for or all their contributions and support during an exciting year of transition and change. In reviewing the 2014 Annual Report, Mr. DeLaney mentioned it had been prepared by Clare Enkosky who joined the library staff in August as Public Service Coordinator. Ms. Enkosky has also redesigned the library's website.

Director DeLaney noted that 2014 was a year marked by rebuilding, experimenting, learning new things, and laying a foundation for future growth. In the last 10 years, the library building and staff have tripled in size in order to address the growing community it serves and their concerns and demands. Manlius Library is an indispensable and dynamic learning center – very different than libraries of 50 years ago. Without the great teamwork which has developed among the staff, board, volunteers and patrons, Director DeLaney noted that the Library could not have accomplished or achieved all that it has in the past year.

A highlight for Manlius Library has been its national recognition by ***Library Journal*** as a 3-star award winning library. Nationally, there are 1,400 libraries in the same category as Manlius and ***Library Journal*** has ranked Manlius Library as 23<sup>rd</sup> in the entire country, putting it in the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile of top-performing libraries.

The Onondaga County Public Library system (OCPL) also published its 2014 year-end report reflecting circulation numbers for all the libraries in the system, and Manlius is ranked #1 (per capita) in circulation (books, movies, music, electronic books, etc.).

Mr. DeLaney closed his remarks by thanking the community and all the individuals and organizations who partner with and support the library. He is proud to serve as Director.

**Adjournment:** Vice President Tanner asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bottoni so moved, and Mrs. Karpinski seconded. All approved, and the motion passed.

Vice President Tanner adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Baxter  
Recorder

## **Manlius Library Annual Meeting 2015 President's Report**

The purpose of the annual meeting is twofold. First, we have some housekeeping business to take care of, which we will get to later on. We are fortunate to have continuity in our leadership as we head into 2015 with the same slate of officers that led the board in 2014. I'd like to thank all of the Board members for their generous contributions of their time, energy, and expertise as we look forward to another dynamic year of excellent service and community engagement. Second, I would like to reflect on and celebrate some of the successes of the previous year.

2014 was an important transition year for the library. Matt will discuss some of the challenges and accomplishments from the perspective of library staff and administration, and I will briefly touch on some of what this previous year meant as a board member.

One of the most exciting things that I've witnessed is the strong emphasis on teambuilding that has taken place between all of the library's supporters and members. Beginning in 2014, we've started each and every board meeting with a brief presentation by a staff member whose passion and expertise remind us of the importance of what we are doing. This gives both the staff and the board the opportunity to meet each other and learn about our different roles as members of this team.

We also kicked off our strategic planning process by bringing together all of the library's staff, volunteers, and board members to engage in brainstorming and discussions about what our library means to this community. This simple but important event confirmed for many of us the importance of the work that we do and served to strengthen the relationships among all of our team members.

The year has not been without its challenges, as we implemented new policies and procedures to bring the library up to par with constantly changing mandates and requirements. As with any restructuring, the goal has been to maintain a high level of service and provide the community with the excellent collection, services, and facilities that it deserves.

We have made great strides, focusing on the priorities of a changing and dynamic public library in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We will continue to analyze where we are now and where we would like to be, so that we can establish a plan for getting there and meeting our goals. Throughout this process we will maintain our efforts toward inclusion and community outreach, learning and enrichment, and creative and innovative thinking.

I would like to thank the Board, the volunteers, our staff, and our partners in the community for working together to build one of the best public libraries in the country. I am proud to announce that Manlius Library was recognized as one of the top libraries -- #23 out of 1,400 similarly sized libraries in the country. This is a prestigious award that is based on program attendance, circulation, and traffic through our doors. Thank you for being part of this outstanding accomplishment, and I look forward to working with all of you to continue our success.

Karen Steinberg