

Salina Library Board of Trustees
Salina Library
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2024
7 p.m.

Attendance: Board of Trustees members JoAnn Bohn, Ken Nichols, Kris Nichols, Frank Pappalardo, Adria Ripka, and Debbie Stack. Library Staff: Director Jeannine Chubon, Youth Services Librarian Monica Norton, and Digital Services Librarian Jennifer Ranger. Members of the public: President of the Friends of the Salina Library, Julie Bonafice. Excused: Keith Miller.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Pappalardo.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve with one correction – in the Director’s report replace the word “hat” with “that”- was made by JoAnn Bohn, seconded by Ken Nichols. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. A Review of the Salina Library 2024 Proposed Budget including 2023/2024 Budget Comparison document was referenced. This had been reviewed in the prior Budget Hearing Meeting. Other than the information that the Library finished the year about \$3,000 under budget, there were no additional questions or comments.
5. Staff Reports
 - a. Director’s Report: Director Chubon reviewed the 2023 infographic produced by the staff. Highlights of the document included a 24% increase in website visits, a 5% increase in library cardholders, a 3% increase in One-on-One Tech Help; and a 3% increase in WiFi usage. Programming for all ages continues to grow, the Library took over several community events including judging of the Mattydale Halloween

Decorating contest, and added over 4,257 books, media and more to the Library collection.

- b. Youth Services Librarian's Report: Librarian Norton shared an impressive list of 2023 highlights including many class visits, continuing collaboration with the Rising Rox Stars program, a very successful Summer Reading Program, a great Solar Eclipse program along with many busy outreach programs. Library event attendance is growing and monthly craft kits continue to fly off the desk! Literacy Coalition of Onondaga County grants funded new computers for the Children's Area, updates for the relaunch of the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten: Blast off to Kindergarten, toddler and preschooler events, and the creating of a new Learning Languages section in the Children's Area with multimedia resources for learning English or another language.
- c. Digital Services Librarian's Report: Librarian Ranger reported the good news that the technology help appointments continue to grow in popularity. She cited the Library's ability to offer the public numerous technological devices is important, as the demand for them is high. Park and local museum passes are popular with patrons. She reminded us that all these well-received services are offered at no cost to patrons.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business: Collection of Library Association Membership dues of \$1.00 per person took place.

8. Nominating Committee Report: JoAnn Bohn announced the slate of officers for the coming year – President: Frank Pappalardo, Vice-President: Adria Ripka, Treasurer: Keith Miller, and Secretary: Debbie Stack. In addition, Adria Ripka was nominated to continue her service as a library trustee. A motion to accept both the slate of officers and the trustee slate, as presented, was made by Adria Ripka and seconded by Frank Pappalardo. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

9. Friends of the Library Report: President Julie Boniface reported that although small in number (new members always welcome) the Friends of the Salina Library, in 2023, supported the Library in many ways including artist reception refreshments, prizes and refreshments for the Library's trivia

events, coffee and tea for the coffee station, Summer Reading Program prizes, bookmarks, and BookPage subscription.

10. President's Report: President Pappalardo thanked the Friends of the Library group for all its work and Julie's leadership. He also shared the Board's gratitude and appreciation for the work of Director Chubon and her staff. He also thanked the trustees for their commitment and support.
11. There being no further business before the Board, JoAnn Bohn made a motion for adjournment at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie J. Stack, Secretary