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**SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
January 14, 2017**

MINUTES OF MEETING

Board members present: Jo-Ann Robotti, Don Dunning, Dave Roggie, Paul Mobius, Peter Farrar, Phyllis Gates, Charlie Weiner, Mary Faith Westervelt, Tom Hashagen and Mike Bebon

Board members excused: Jody Geist, Bill Martens, Cori Cass

Also attending: Terry Lucas, Library Director

President Jo-Ann Robotti called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the January 16, 2016 Annual Meeting were approved unanimously.

Public Expression: None

Correspondence: None

President's Annual Report

At the time of the Library expansion project to develop the lower level, there had been comments that this was ill-advised since Libraries would be in rapid decline given the increasing availability of information in electronic media. The President was pleased to report that this has not been the case and that the Library as a facility and the programs that it offers remain vibrant and relevant. The new entry project is a great success and comments from community members on it are universally positive. The Library's new offerings, such as the Great Decisions program, have kept pace with community needs and expectations and participation is increasing.

Comments from Paul Mobius

At the President's request, Paul shared his thoughts and advice for the Board in the future. (Paul is stepping off the Board due to reaching his term limit). He commented that the Board should always remember that they are stewards of taxpayer and donor funds and that brings with it an obligation to manage them very carefully, always "keeping an eye on the finances". He commented that it had been a pleasure to work with the Board members and that he intends to continue to support the Library as a volunteer, particularly in the area of Facilities.

Financial Report

The Library is in sound financial condition at the end of 2016, with a small surplus that will be transferred to the Fund for the Future. The Investment Committee is doing an excellent job managing the G. Patterson funds. In all, the Library is in a strong financial position to meet the needs of the community in the future.

Nominating Committee

The slate of proposed new Board members was introduced. Julia Brennan and Quinn Karpeh were nominated for positions on the Board and unanimously approved.

Current Board members M. Bebon and D. Dunning were proposed for additional terms and unanimously approved.

Public Appreciation

The Director presented gifts to Jo-Ann Robotti and Paul Mobius in appreciation for their many years of service to the Board. Don Dunning read a Proclamation from Jim Dougherty, the Supervisor of the Town of Shelter Island, and the Town Board, congratulating and honoring Jo-Ann for her volunteerism in support of the Library and the Shelter Island community.

Adjournment

The public meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am.

Submitted by: Michael J. Bebon, Secretary