

# Stanford Free Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025

**Present:** Claudia De Bellis, Pamela Deitrich, Barbara Mauer, Bobbie Menendez, Jim Bail, Kari Lorensen, Mark Williams, Melinda Heady

**Absent:** Marc Smith, Natalie Bliss, Laura Gilhooly

**In Attendance:** Christa Cerul

**Minutes:** Motion made to approve the minutes from the March 2025 Trustee's meeting. Vote taken. Approved

## **Treasurer & Financial Report:**

A. Financial report from March 2025 - Vote taken-approved

## **Correspondence:**

None

## **Librarian Report:**

A. Library Use Statistics for March 2025 were reviewed.

- Digital statistics are inaccurate due to a glitch.
- There was a higher volume than usual of library visits in March. Not sure what accounts for this. Pam stated it might have been the school art reception.
- Hoopla is making changes to their platform to address consumer complaints.

B. Christa is compiling year to date training for the trustees and will report back next month on the status.

C. Trustee Reception is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 6pm-830pm at the Boardman Road Library. Christa must know final list of attendees by Friday, April 11th.

- At this time the following trustees have committed to attend: Barb, Bobbie, Claudia, Jim, Mark, Melinda, and Pam.

- There is a cost for each attendee so please let Christa know if you can't attend.

D. In-Person Trustee Training is available at the Beekman Library (11 Town Center Boulevard, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533) on Thursday, September 25th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Rebekah Smith Aldrich, Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System will present on the topic of Board Recruitment. There is a link to register in the agenda emailed to Trustees.

E. Save the date: MHLS Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, October 24th at The Wallace Center of the FDR Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, NY. The keynote speaker will be Sam Helmick, incoming president of the American Library Association

### **Old Business**

A. Security cameras have been installed, one at each door. Thank you to Jim.

- Jim provided a demonstration of the system which he says is working well.
- It records events at each of the three doors 24/7
- Cost all in was \$300

### **Building Maintenance**

- No major repairs

### **Fundraising and Publicity-**

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**Grants** - None

**Legislative-** None

**Nominating-** None

**Personnel** - None

### **Programs**

- Adult- Christa reviewed the many Adult programs being offered.
  - Chair yoga is now seeing an increase in attendance
  - The Holocaust Remembrance is being offered by the same author as last year. It is not clear if the talk will be the same or not. This is offered through Stanford: A Caring Committee
  - Repair Cafe was very well attended. It is averaging 30 people each time
- Children's- Christa reviewed Children's programs.
- Teen- Christa reviewed teen programs.
  - Yo-Yo Club has been very successful. 13 people attended. The Pine Plains Herald came and will be writing a story in the next edition

### **Scholarship-**

- Applications are due by 4/15/25. To date, no applications have been submitted.

**Technology-** None

### **New Business:**

- Stanford: A Caring Community, Inc. is hosting their Chili Fest on Saturday, April 26h from 1:00pm- 4:00pm. Claudia has volunteered to represent the library with her chili.

- Mark reviewed the discussion from the Finance Committee which met earlier today.
  - The meeting was attended by Jim, Mark, Bobbie and Melinda
  - The committee recommends moving \$100,000.00 from Bank of Millbrook Money Market into a one -year CD at Hudson Valley Credit Union
    - A motion was made and approved to open a 1 year CD
- 414 Vote
  - Mark reviewed the recent program offered by MHLS on Sustainable Funding
    - MHLS recommends an annual request for funding
    - Last time the SFL requested was two years ago
    - Important to follow all the steps/ sell proposal to the town
    - Need committee members to assist
      - Kari, Melinda, Mark, Bobbie, and Barb volunteered

Next Meeting - Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00pm

Adjourn- Motion made to adjourn @ 7:50 pm. Vote taken- approv