

Stanford Free Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2025

Present: Natalie Bliss, Barbara Mauer, Bobbie Menendez, Jim Bail, Mark Williams, Melinda Heady, Marc Smith, Kari Lorensen, Laura Gilhooly, & Pamela Deitrich

Absent: Claudia De Bellis

In Attendance: Christa Cerul, Barry Ramage from MHLS Board of Trustees

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

Treasurer & Financial Report:

- A. Financial report from May 1-31, 2025 - Vote taken. Approved

Correspondence:

- A. Laura read a Thank You note from Eileen McCarthy, thanking the Board for the picnic bench purchased by the Lion's Club and the library in Sean's memory.

Librarian Report:

- A. Library Use Statistics for May 2025 were reviewed.
- B. Reminder- each Trustee must have 2 hours of training annually.
- C. In -person training is available at the Beekman Library on Thursday, September 25th from 6-8pm. Rebekah Smith Aldrich will present on the topic of Board Recruitment.
- D. 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. The keynote speaker will be Sam Helmick, incoming president of the American Library Association.
- E. Mid Hudson Libraries has an app! Visit the App Store or Google Play Store to download and begin using it. Search "Mid Hudson Libraries." Once in the app you will need to log in to your library account and then the app will switch from the Mid-Hudson branding to our own branding.
- F. MHLS Road Trip coming soon! It will run June 6th - October 18th. Participants will be provided with "maps" and encouraged to visit all 70 locations in the MHLS. They can collect stamps, swag, and prizes along the way.

Old Business:

- A. Online Registrations/Calendar is up and running as of June 1st. Check it out at www.stanfordlibrary.org. Click on “Calendar” at the top of the page.

Committee Reports:

A. Building Maintenance

1. Jim provided an update on the front lawn project. The grass is growing. It will be re-seeded in the fall.

B. Fundraising and Publicity- None

C. Grants- None

D. Legislative- None

E. Nominating- None

F. Personnel -

- a. Christa is looking to hire a replacement for Kimberly, who will be leaving in mid-November. Bekea Dedrick is interested in the position.

G. Programs

1. **Adult-** Christa reviewed the many Adult programs being offered.
2. **Children's-** Christa reviewed Children's programs.
3. **Teen-** Christa reviewed teen programs.
4. **Program Recap-** The Literacy Night at Cold Spring was attended by Danielle on May 15th. 108 children made bookmarks. This annual event is a good outreach activity. The Stanford Historical Society's program with Anthony Musso was well attended and people really enjoyed it! The virtual program done with Millbrook Library was not well attended, but those who did participate enjoyed it. May's Teen Game Night was a success! 8 teens attended and enjoyed playing games and eating pizza. 26 kids from Cold Spring and 29 from Seymour Smith attended the Father's Day Stories and Crafts after school program. The STEM event with author Liz Tracy was also a hit!

H. Scholarship-None

I. Technology-

- a. Windows 10 end of support is approaching (10/14/25). Christa and Joyce have ordered replacement computers for Christa's desktop and the two circ computers. AS there will be an option to purchase Extended Security Updates (ESU) for Windows 10 at a cost of \$61

for one year, the plan is to upgrade the 3 patron computers in 2026 in order to spread out the cost.

New Business:

- A. Library Board Resolution - Petition Endorsement. Vote taken: 10 for, and 0 against to accept the petition.
- B. Code of Conduct Policy was presented at the May meeting for Board review. This policy was first adopted on December 11, 2007 and now needs to be updated. Vote taken- approved.
- C. Kari will set up a monitor to advertise and promote library happenings and bring faces to the names of the people who are part of our library community.

Next Meeting- Tuesday, July 8, 2025 @ 7 pm

Adjourn- Motion made to adjourn @ 7:59 pm. Vote taken- approved