

Stanford Free Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

Present: Natalie Bliss, Claudia De Bellis, Barbara Mauer, Bobbie Menendez, Jim Bail, Mark Williams, Melinda Heady & Marc Smith

Absent: Kari Lorensen, Laura Gilhooly, & Pamela Deitrich

In Attendance: Christa Cerul

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

Treasurer & Financial Report:

- A. Financial report from April 1-30, 2025 - Vote taken. Approved
- B. 990s (library taxes) have been completed and signed by Jim and filed by Arthur Freehill, our accountant.

Correspondence: None

Librarian Report:

- A. Library Use Statistics for April 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. The Annual Report to the Community is complete and ready to be sent out via email.
- F. Stanford Recreation will be running a Summer Day Camp this year for four weeks in July. We will partner with them, and the campers will be visiting the library on Wednesday afternoons as part of their activities. This will be in addition to our regular Summer Reading Storytimes that will take place most weekday mornings in July.
- G. 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.

H. 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.

I. The library will be closed on Monday, May 26th in celebration of Memorial Day.

Old Business:

A. Online registrations/Calendar is expected to be up and running by June 1st.

Committee Reports:

A. Building Maintenance

1. Jim provided an update on the front lawn project to address the grubs and chinch worms. Workers have been hired to apply a pesticide to treat the bug infestation. The lawn will look worse before it gets better, but should be nice and green by September.

B. Fundraising and Publicity- None

C. Grants- None

D. Legislative- None

E. Nominating- None

F. Personnel - None

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.

H. Scholarship-

1. Alana Scofield was the recipient of this year's \$250 graduation award. Caludia will attend the ceremony on May 21st to present the award on behalf of the library.

I. Technology- None

New Business:

- A. A vote was taken to approve the wording to be on the ballot for the vote to pursue a 414. The vote on the wording was approved unanimously. The wording will be:

Shall the annual contribution of the town of Stanford for the operating budget of the Stanford Free Library be at two hundred thousand, four hundred dollars (\$200,400) annually?

B. Tax Cap Override Resolution:

The Board of Trustees of the Stanford Free Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2026 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on May 13, 2025.

C. The Code of Conduct Policy was presented for Board review. It was first adopted on December 11, 2007 and now needs to be reviewed. It will be voted on at the June Board meeting.

Next Meeting- Tuesday, June 10, 2025 @ 7 pm

Adjourn- Motion made to adjourn @ 8:19 pm. Vote taken- approved