



FRIENDS OF THE W.K. SANFORD COLONIE TOWN LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES APRIL 8th, 2025 6:00PM

ATTENDING

Emily Berberich, Judi Gallop, Nicole Hoffman, Mary Ellen Jung, Becky Klope, Ruth Lyons, Leslye Milos, Elliot Robins, Amy Sonder, Jennifer Soucy, Claudia Thornton, Elissa Valente, Mary Van Ullen.

LIBRARY REPORT

Elissa gave the library report. She noted that our library is funded by the town, which is helpful given the current cuts at the federal level, but we will have to see what happens at the state level. People wishing to do advocacy for library issues can find information at the NYLA website. It should be noted that those wishing to do so should advocate as individuals, and not state that they are representing the Friends. The library will be adopting a new policy for booking meeting rooms. Rooms may only be booked by town residents and seating limits will be modified for external groups. The new digital platform for museum passes will be rolled out soon. Elissa asked if anyone from the Friends would like to serve on the committee that is planning the library's 50th anniversary committee. Becky and Amy volunteered.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Leslye presented the Treasurer's Report.

2025 Friends of the Library Budget Month of March	
Total Income	\$1,323.40
Total Expenses	\$836.95
Total Balance in Accounts	\$159,824.62

Leslye and Becky are still working on the tax form, which is extremely complicated. Ruth's help with this is much appreciated by Friends. The audit has been completed. We will no longer be getting water delivered from Crystal Rock as the Saratoga Pure system has been installed.

REQUESTS

Name: Elissa Valente Funding amount: \$100

What is the funding for? FASNY payment

This request has already been approved as part of the budget

Name: Elissa Valente Funding amount: \$1305

What is the funding for? Museum Pass Subscriptions—Remainder of 2025

This request has already been approved as part of the budget

Name: Jennifer Soucy Funding Amount: \$4000

What is the funding for? Summer reading kick-off

This request has already been approved as part of the budget

Name: Jennifer Soucy Funding Amount: \$1000

What is the funding for? “Color Our World” art supplies

Tell us a bit more: Supplies to cover all library programs for summer reading arts. This covers all age groups.

Mary moved to approve the request. Ruth seconded. Friends approved.

Jenn also asked that if people eat Oui yogurts in glass containers, they are looking to collect those containers for the art program. Empty containers can be sent to her.

Elissa mentioned that they are looking to purchase a piece that will fit in the back of the library that will cost approximately \$5,000. They have funding from a foundation, but may need to ask Friends for help with the logistics of purchasing it. She needs to get back in touch with the foundation.

WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, PUBLICITY, NEWSLETTER

Mary is working on a newsletter.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF BOOKSALE

Friday, June 20th, from 6-8pm. We will need some volunteers to staff this.

BOOK NOOK –Opening Saturday, May 3rd through Sept. 20th. Volunteer spots are available. Please sign up if you are interested.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS—letters will go out in May. Several people volunteered to help with the mailing.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

We need to change some book donation sorting procedures. Books need to all be the same height and hardcover if they are to be packed in tomato crates as otherwise the crates aren't stacking properly and paperback books are getting damaged.

Mary Ellen asked about having a Little Free Library located in the courtyard area of the library. Elissa could see some issues with getting free books mixed up with the library collection and introducing confusion. She will get back to us.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm. **The next meeting will be held on Tues. May 13th, 2025, in person at the library at 6:00pm.**

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Van Ullen, Secretary.