



FRIENDS OF THE W.K. SANFORD COLONIE TOWN LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 6:00PM

ATTENDING

Edye Benson, Emily Berberich, Dave Ferrill, Judi Gallop, Nicole Hoffman, Mary Ellen Jung, Sue Kenneally, Becky Klope, Karen Langell, Louise McColgin, Leslye Milos, Elliot Robins, Amy Sonder, Claudia Thornton, Elissa Valente, Mary Van Ullen

LIBRARY REPORT

Elissa reported that the RFID tagging project was moving along. The self-checkout machine should be installed in October. The carpets were cleaned. An area of the lawn was reseeded. Strategic planning is ongoing and the library is developing a patron survey. A volunteer appreciation brunch will be held October 5th. A new library catalog will be coming soon. The New York Times usage has been extremely popular and to control costs, access now requires a library card login daily.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Leslye presented the Treasurer's Report

2025 Friends of the Library Budget Month of August	
Total Income	\$3,220.272
Total Expenses	\$152.91
Total Balance in Accounts	\$164,743.93

The Library Speakers Consortium funding request approved last month will not be needed.

REQUESTS

1.Name: Jennifer Soucy Full amount: \$150

What is the funding for?

Pianist and flutist duo. They have a unique process of taking classical and modern pieces and reimagining them into improvised compositions. The Music Union will pay for half the show. Lots of patrons love the free music events. This request falls under the Workshops and Programs-General budget line item.

Category: Adult Programming Date funding is required: ASAP by November
Mary moved to approve and Mary Ellen seconded the motion. Friends approved.

2.Name: Jennifer Soucy Funding Amount :\$150

What is the funding for?

Improv fun with Controlled Chaos Improv Comedy. This group performed last year and had a great turn-out. We would love to have them return. This request falls under the Workshops and Programs-General budget line item.

Category: Adult Programming Date Funding is Required: ASAP.

Mary Ellen moved to approve and Judi seconded the motion. Friends approved the request.

3.Name: Jennifer Soucy Funding Amount :\$160

What is the funding for? Fall decorations

This is to make the front entrance more welcoming for the book sale with fall decorations. Hay/pumpkins/mums/cornstalks, etc.

Category: Adult Programming Date Funding is Required: NA

Dave moved to approve up to \$160 and Edye seconded the motion. Friends approved the request.

4.Name: Jennifer Soucy Funding Amount :\$500

What is the funding for?

This year the trick or treat event will be at the library on October 29th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. We hope you will attend and decorate a table.

Category: Library wide event Date Funding is Required: ASAP

This request has already been approved in the budget under Halloween event.
No vote needed.

5. Name: Jennifer Soucy Funding Amount :\$500

What is the funding for?

Quarterly programming supplies gift card.

Category: Library wide event Date Funding is Required: ASAP

This request was already approved under Program VGs.
No vote needed.

WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, PUBLICITY, NEWSLETTER

Mary finished an issue of the newsletter and it went out before the book sale.

POP-UP BOOKSALES (at library)

Mary Ellen and others reviewed the recent pop-up sales at the library. The consensus is that it's a nice way to bring people in, especially when the Nook is closed. It works well with the puzzle swap events as a large number of people visit. The workload for the sales isn't excessive. We would like to continue in an ad hoc manner.

BOOK NOOK –Open Sat. 9-1, May 3rd through Sept. 20th. Please sign up to volunteer if possible!

HARVEST FEST–Saturday, Sept. 27, 11-3

POP-UP BOOK SALE (at library) 10-1

- Saturday August 23rd (the library will be hosting a puzzle swap that morning)

FALL BOOK SALE

Tentative schedule:

- Set up tables in room: Fri Sept. 19
- Soccer team move in books: Sat Sept 20, 2pm
- Unback boxes and organize Sun Sept 21-Wed Sept 24
- Preview night: Thurs Sept 25, 4-7 \$5 entry fee
- Regular sale: Fri Sept 26-Saturday Sept 27
- Sun Sept 28 (\$5 bag sale, with larger bags priced higher)
- Clean-up Mon Sept 29 10-12
- Soccer team moves boxes out Mon Sept 29, 6pm
- Refreshments for volunteers, including soccer teams
- Advertisements: newspapers, FaceBook, email blast, town email, Nextdoor.

Please sign up to help!

ANNUAL MEETING October 14th

We will review projects and finances. We are looking for three volunteers to run for officers and a co-president.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm. **The next meeting will be held on Tues. October 14th, 2025, in person at the library at 6:00pm.**

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Van Ullen, Secretary.