

Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Present: President Tompkins, Director Sally Murphy, Stephen Butchko, Suzanne Curran, JoAnn Mitchell, Mary Jane Bray, Scott Reinhart, Ruth Barry, Carrie Crane, Jeniffer Taylor

Absent: Jerine Faber

Minutes Approval: Trustee Butchko made, and Trustee Barry seconded, a motion to accept the January meeting minutes with the following adjustments, all approved.

It was proposed to add some clarification for where the 259 number (\$425,000) came from. This number represents increases in personnel, benefits, and enhancing of programs.

Director Murphy's Report: Director Murphy shared that today marks the library's 150th birthday. She reported that the YOTO's have continued to be a hit and the charging stations have been well received. The tablets in the kids have also been popular.

Director Murphy is beginning the STLS Annual Report, which is due in mid March. The Community Report will also be on its way soon.

She will be conducting a staff/volunteer training day on 2/23 and 2/26 where she will conduct various trainings and an information session on the 259.

The 150th celebration planning is underway. Director Murphy is working on invitations to send out to local businesses. She also shared some banner ideas.

January programs had great attendance and February has some great programs coming as well.

Treasurer Report: Trustee Butchko presented the 2025 year end report. The total income was \$239,895.69 which was slightly over our projected budget due to strong performance across all revenue areas. The expenses were \$257,314.91 which is slightly over what was projected. This was largely due to office expenses and facility costs. Net loss for 2025 was \$53,223.15, which was better than what was budgeted.

Trustee Butchko presented the 2027 budget which showed the projected income at \$546,621.30 (\$425,000 income from 259) and projected expenses at \$546,621.30.

The investments were reviewed as well as wage comparisons and staffing roles. Information will be gathered about staff retirement benefits for the board to look at.

Technology Report:

Director Murphy reported that everything is running smoothly.

Fundraising Report:

Trustee Crane reported that \$300 had been donated in January. She also asked for someone to replace her responsibilities with the Annual Appeal Letter. Trustee Curran and Trustee Faber will be taking over Trustee Crane's role.

Used Book Room Report:

Trustee Curran stated that the net Ebay sales for January were \$173.71 and the Saturday book sales were \$547.45 in check and cash and \$210.50 in Venmo. The donation jar brought in \$22.45. The monthly total is \$954.11 and the YTD is \$954.11.

Buildings & Grounds Report:

Trustee Reinhart reported the doors are installed and snow removal has been running smoothly.

Memorials Report:

Trustee Curran reported that there were \$4,000 in memorials for January. YTD is \$4,000.

Old Business:

- 259 Campaign Update: Trustee Bray and Trustee Taylor shared that the committee talked with the Town Supervisors and the Superintendent of the school to inform them of the 259 referendum. The response to those meetings has been overall positive and there is an understanding for why the library is changing our funding source.
- Honoring Nancy Wightman: The board is brainstorming some meaningful things to celebrate Nancy's dedication to the library.

New Business:

- Board Condolences for Nancy Drum: The board reflected on the service that Dave Drum has given to the library over the years and are thinking of a special way to remember and honor him.
- New Board Member Possibilities: The board will continue the search for potential board members and it was asked to come to the next meeting with possible names.

Other:

Next Meeting Date: March 10, at 5:00 PM

Adjournment: Trustee Barry moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Reinhart. All approved and the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Crane