Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Present: Director Sally Murphy, Scott Reinhart, Carrie Crane, Suzanne Curran, JoAnn Mitchell, Matthew Bull, Janet Nykiel, Ruth Barry, Mary Jane Bray

Absent: Jeniffer Taylor

Minutes Approval: Trustee Reinhart made, and Trustee Bull seconded, a motion to accept the August meeting minutes, all approved.

Director Murphy's Report:

The board welcomed Trustee Nykiel as a new trustee.

Director Murphy shared with the board that the Taylor Grant granted $35,000 of the $50,000 requested.

The Little Library in Roger's honor will have a ribbon cutting in late September or early October.

Director Murphy discussed the disaster preparedness plan that New York State has required libraries and other public institutions to have.

Director Murphy will be attending NYLA again this year and has locked in the early bird pricing.

Upcoming programs for September include hosting a few lectures on scams and nuclear war. The Science Center of Corning will be coming to do some after school programs.

Treasurer Report: The board discussed the 259 budget options and the future financial impacts each option will have on the library. Concerns were brought up with both waiting and moving forward with the 259. Although the board acknowledged that local and state financial conditions present challenges to a successful campaign, they reaffirmed the necessity of pursuing more reliable, long-term funding. Discussion on the topic will pick back up during the November meeting, at which point the board aims to decide whether to proceed or wait.

The 2027 budget will need to be solidified after the decision of the 259.

Technology Report:

Director Murphy reported that everything is running smoothly.

Fundraising Report:

Trustee Curran reported that there were no new donations and there is $750 YTD. The Annual Appeal letter is completed and ready to be mailed out.

Used Book Room Report:

Trustee Curran emailed a report that stated the net Ebay sales for August were $359.59 and the Saturday book sales with the weeklong sale were $6,219.85 in check and cash and $1089.15 in Venmo. The donation jar brought in $588.78. The monthly total is $8,257.37 and the YTD is $19,489.65.

Buildings & Grounds Report:

Trustee Reinhart reported that the shutters have been fixed and all the new lightbulbs have been installed.

Memorials Report:

Trustee Curran reported that there were a few memorials for August totalling $2,030. YTD is $7,630.

Old Business:

- Longest Table: Trustee Mitchell reminded the board that all decorations need to be cleaned up the night of the event. The date that table money is due is September 11th.

New Business:

- Slate of Officers: It was agreed upon that Scott Reinhart would become President of our board with Suzzane Curran taking on a Vice President role (which will need to be amended into our bylaws), Matt Bull will become our Finance Officer.

  Trustee Barry moved to appoint Scott Reinhart as Board President and Matthew Bull as Finance Officer. Trustee Bray seconded. All approved.

  Trustee Mitchell motioned to appoint Suzzane Curran as Vice President contingent on the amendment of the bylaws, Trustee Bray seconded, all approved.

- Discussion of Term Limits: There are currently no term limits for officer positions. The board discussed a few different options for term limits for trustees and officer positions.

Other: It was suggested to resume the committee work with updating the bylaws.

Next Meeting Date: 10/13/2026 at 5:00 PM

Adjournment: Trustee Crane moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Barry. All approved and the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Crane