the Skaneateles Library

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Officers Present: President Dave Hempson, Treasurer Maura Molnar, Secretary Kathryn Carlson

Trustees: Connie Bohrer, Bill Conole, Jennifer Feeney, Susanne Guske, Anne McCarthy, Larry Palmieri, Cristina Pietropaoli, Amy Rolleri.

Staff: Library Executive Director Andea Snyder, Assistant Director and Librarian for Children & Teens Mary Beth Schwartzwalder

Absent: Vice President Katie Armijo, Ralph DeMasi, Kristin LaBeau (at-large), Meghann Sandak, Paul Torrisi, Jr.

Members of the Public: Fran McCormack, Erin McCormack, Duane Wiedor, Ed Keller

Call to order at 6:37pm

Approval of the Minutes – Minutes from May 12, 2026 regular board meeting were approved**.**

President's Report

President Hempson gave a brief overview review of the history of the conception, planning and development for a new library for Skaneateles, beginning about 15 years ago with the Bookends project. He highlighted the processes that led to the decision to build a new library, the buying of the land, the hiring of a research firm to assess feasibility, the search for and hiring of the architects and the construction manager, the fund-raising efforts including the silent, public and bonding phases, and the chartering of a development committee to support future growth. He then spoke of the need to reach out to the community to provide ongoing information about the library and the building project through various channels. The communication committee will seek to respond to questions and concerns. The strategic plan committee will also address ways to reach out to the various stakeholder groups.

Director's Report

Executive Director Snyder referred the trustees to her written report and asked for questions. She then expanded on the need to review the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Onondaga County Central Library (OCPL). This MOU is renewed every three years and spells out the relationship between each library in the system and the OCPL. The OCPL maintains the Integrated Library System (ILS), makes daily deliveries of requested resources and other collective responsibilities. The directors have voted for a 5% increase in the budget which is divided among the members libraries based on circulation. She will resend the MOU to the trustees and it will be on next month's agenda for a vote. If approved, the Skaneateles Library Association's contribution will be $9199.16.

She then spoke about the summer reading programs for children and adults. The kick-off is June 26 at 4pm. There will be prizes for participants who complete the challenges. The story walk at Austin Park will go up July 1.

The trustees are asked to participate in the community July 4th parade.

Finance Committee Report

Treasurer Molnar reported that at eight months into the fiscal year, financials were in line with the budget and there were no issues. Salary expense is lower because there was an adult services vacancy for part of that time. There is about $3M in the building fund account and $437K in the operating account. Our investments accounts were up by $74K last month.

For the capital project, cash inflows for the month were $6478, inflows for the YTD are $2.86M and cash inflows for project to date are $4.92M. Cash outflows for the month of April were $76K, for the YTD were $292K and project to date were $1.64M.

Book Sale

Treasurer Molnar reported that the book sale this year runs from Thursday 6pm on July 9 through the bag sale on Sunday July 12 at the Fennell Street site. Trustees are asked to signup as shift captains for each shift. A parking attendant is needed for Thursday. There will be scheduled Trustee Office Hours during the sale. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Communication Committee

In the absence of Chairperson LaBeau, Director Snyder reported that the committee was working on a communications plan to continue to listen to and communicate with the community. There will be two “Trustee Office Hours” each month, one of which is before each board meeting. There will be a series of information and feedback sessions throughout the various parts of the community. There will be frequent social media and e-newsletter updates.

Fund-Raising Committee

Capital Campaign Director McCormack reported that naming opportunities are still available, to make sure that everyone who wants to be involved can be. Treasurer Molnar emphasized that the board is still going to pursue grants and other funding sources to be able to keep expanding the library’s services and capabilities.

Fennell Street New Building Committee

President Hempson reviewed that the building committee will continue to drill down into the Planning Board’s response to the building application. The architects are making adjustments to the plan and are more than willing to collaborate with a local architect who will be engaged to assist. The committee is looking for ways to find common ground while staying true to what the needs assessments and community input indicate is desired in a new library.

Other Business

President Hempson indicated that Capital Campaign Director McCormack has resigned from that position and has expressed a desire to return to the Board of Trustees and to chair the development committee. A motion to that effect was made by Trustee Conole and seconded by Trustee Bohrer. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Rolleri resigned from the Library Board of Trustees effective immediately, in order to take a position of the newly formed Barrow Board of Trustees. She was thanked for her years of service to the library.

Public Comment Period – Ed Keller and Duane Wiedor both indicated a desire to collaborate with the library going forward.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Library.