Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2026

@7:00 pm

Present: Susannah Friedman (President), Jerry Finin (Vice President)
Annemarie Martinez (Treasurer), Julianna Rauf, Glenn Yelich, Ellen Boyce, Bill Logan, Patrick Wynne (Library Director),

Absent: Judy Crilley, Donna Kropp, Mary Jane Schroeder

President

The board meeting focused on reviewing the draft strategic plan, which identified three strategic priorities: strong operations and governance, education programs and partnerships, and community relevance.
The board approved bringing Margaret Kelly onto the board to fill a vacant position and serve as treasurer.

Strategic Plan Draft Presentation

Patrick presented a draft strategic plan with three strategic priorities and two cross-cutting themes. The first priority focuses on internal operations and governance, including building maintenance, finances, and staff management. The second priority centers on education work, specifically programs and partnerships with schools and families, which may require additional funding. The third priority aims to enhance community relevance and resilience by improving access and building community cohesion. Cross-cutting themes include strengthening communication and deepening partnerships with other community institutions. The plan will be refined based on feedback and presented to the board for adoption at the May meeting.

Director Report

- Patrick reported on his recent career day presentation at the middle and high schools,
- Will Send out a list/calendar of town board meetings to trustees and
- will coordinate Green light and arrange purchase of a new tent for the library (for cocktail party and lawn party use

- Will Reach out to Margaret Kelly to inform her of board membership approval
- will Figure out term details for new board member Margaret Kelly
- Will Work with John Dolce and visit the town office to develop outreach ideas and contacts for Medusa and other less-represented hamlets.
- Asked All board members: Think about and suggest new board candidates, especially from underrepresented hamlets
- Began a discussion of a new, possibly donor-focused winter fundraiser to the agenda for the next meeting.
- will Talk to Rose Kuhar for the Historical Society about participation in the 4th of July celebration and coordinate with other groups

Treasurer's Report * see attached from March 2026 email

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds
updates on building maintenance, including completed floor painting and ongoing door replacement work.

Fundraising Committee
Cocktail Party on April 23
Lawn party on September 5
Greenery sale on November 2
Proposal to add another targeted fundraiser focused on educational initiatives.

Fundraising Cocktail Party

Gus: Handle art for the cocktail party before leaving for the weekend.

Patrick: Follow up with Paul regarding what he will bring for the cocktail party and coordinate with Melissa.

Patrick: Add champagne to the wine list for the cocktail party.

Town Board

Mary Jane: Present at the May town board meeting (28th).

The conversation ended with a brief discussion about draft minutes from the March meeting, which were awaiting Donna's vote for approval.

Submitted by, Judy Crilley, Secretary