

Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2025 @7:00PM

Present:

Patrick Wynne (Library Director), Susannah Friedman(President), Annemarie Martinez, (Treasurer), Judy Crilley, (Secretary), Ellen Boyce, Gus Anagnopoulos, Julianna Rauf, Glenn Yelich, Bill Logan
Excused: Donna Kropp, Mary Jane Schroeder, Jerry Finian

President's Report

Susannah

- opens the meeting @ 7:00
- Proposes a revised agenda & asks for input
- There is a school board vacancy
- will send a draft letter for the annual appeal, which will be distributed before Thanksgiving
- ask for a motion to accept the September minutes

Secretary's Report

Glenn motions to accept the Sept. Minutes- Ellen seconds, Motion approved

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie

(* see proposed 2025 budget report email)

He did not cause he opens discussion for proposed 2026 budget -

Annemarie presented the preliminary budget for 2026, highlighting key income and expense items. The budget includes increases in COLA, minimum wage, and various line items adjusted using run rates and cost-of-living considerations. Major income sources include Greenville school tax, Rensselaerville town contributions, individual contributions, and grants. Expenses were reviewed, with payroll being the largest item at 60% of the budget.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds

- Ellen: provided an update on the library apartment renovation project, noting progress on painting and furniture collection with Patrick, Jerry and Glenn and Amanda.

Greenery Sale

The board discussed plans for the upcoming greenery sale, including logistics, purchasing & transportation of trees, ordering 60 wreaths, plus 20 natural wreaths, and volunteer coordination, using Sue Shufelt's workshop for wreath building.

2025-2026- FUNDRAISER DATES:

Greenery Sale- November 29, 2025

Cocktail Party- May 30, 2026

Lawn Party -September 5, 2026

Director's Report

Patrick discussed several key topics including:

- discussed the block party income, agreeing on a conservative estimate of \$1,500. The total income matches the total expenses, with a small contingency line.
- explained the \$8,000 allocation for books and e-content, which needs to be approved at the next meeting.
- Looking for a replacement for Diana Weaver
- Wednesday Medusa Storytime is going well: Tara McCormick-Hostash and Kelly Walker lead the programs
- Older children Program runs every Thursday with Kelly and once a month -a hike coordinated with the Hyuck Preserve .

New Business

- The nominating committee was formed with Robert, Joe, and Paul, and they will begin looking for candidates to fill two board seats opening next year.
- Community Nonprofit Outreach Committee, with several members volunteering to serve: Ellen, Gus and Julianna

Old Business

The conversation ended with a discussion about town board meeting attendance, with Judy offering to participate via Zoom and coordinate with Ellen for coverage on November 13th.

Upcoming Events

- November 13 is the next town board meeting.
- Board will vote on budget at December Holiday Gathering
- Susannah & Patrick will generate a 2026 meeting calendar

Adjourn

-Glenn made a motion to adjourn. Bill seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Crilley

