

**STARR LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**68 WEST MARKET STREET**  
**RHINEBECK, NY 12572**  
**NOTICE OF MEETING Thursday, December 18, 2025, 5:30 P.M.**

**Trustees Present:** Jay Burgess, Erin Humbaugh, Mimi Joh-Carnella, Al Ragucci, Jim Ruderman, Laura Selicaro, Andrew Schulkind, and Director Jaclyn Savolainen. No representative attended the meeting on behalf of The Friends. Laura Charles and Eve Wood sent their apologies. Valerie Jacob arrived late.

1. Call to Order and Review of Agenda: Al, vice president of the board, stood in for Eve to lead the meeting and called the board to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Public Comment Period: There were no comments.
3. Secretary's Report: With Valerie not yet present, Jaclyn indicated that there were no comments on draft minutes from the November meeting. The draft minutes were previously distributed to the trustees. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Andrew presented the report for November. Financial information for the month was advanced to the trustees. Andrew reported that the financials to date were tracking the budget for the year. He updated the trustees on balances in the library's bank and investment accounts. The trustees discussed various items. All questions were appropriately answered.
5. Director's Report: Jaclyn offered her report for November. The report was sent to trustees prior to the meeting. Numerous programs were highlighted, including the upcoming *Getting Organized Despite Yourself: Bullet Journaling with Jaclyn Savolainen* and *Queer Horror Book Club: Carmilla by Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu*.

Trustees were informed that C-SPAN cable network had visited the library for two hours to film an event hosted by Starr. The event was an author conversation with Eve M. Kahn on December 17, *Queen of Bohemia Predicts Own Death: Gilded-Age Journalist Zoe Anderson Norris*. Jaclyn's report gave further detail on numerous existing and new programs.

Her report further indicated that she and key staff, responding to requests from new patrons, developed a pamphlet, *Welcome to Starr Library*. The trustees were very positive about this initiative.

Statistics for November were included in the director's report.

A further discussion ensued among the trustees. All questions asked were appropriately answered.

6. Friends' Report: No representative attended for The Friends.
7. Claims and Warrants: Andrew presented the report to the board. A motion was made to approve the claims and warrants. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Committee Reports: None of the committees met since the last board meeting.
9. Ad Hoc Committee Reports: As the board liaison to the Roger Phillips Concert Committee, Mimi stated that the group recently held a meeting to wrap up the second season of this popular program. The season was seen as positive, and planning will soon be underway for season three. In addition, Mimi in her board liaison role as an advocacy ambassador for the library with MHLS stated that efforts are ongoing to support federal and state funding for libraries. She asked that trustees watch for opportunities to advocate for these important initiatives.
10. Correspondence: There was none.
11. Old Business:

- a. Jaclyn presented new streamlined summaries of budget expense lines and income sources for the budget—2025 to-date and the proposed spending plan for 2026 that the trustees approved at the November meeting. A noteworthy change in budgeting for 2026 that Jaclyn highlighted is that health insurance for the three full-time library employees is forecast to rise by more than 27 percent. During a discussion, the trustees expressed gratitude for the summarized materials. Several questions were put forth, and each was appropriately answered.

12. New Business:

- a. Vote on Officers: AI noted to the board that the Nominating Committee had selected for consideration a slate of officers for the 2026 calendar year. A discussion ensued among the trustees, and all questions asked were appropriately answered. A motion was made to adopt the resolutions attached as Appendix A. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- b. 2026 Closure Dates: Jaclyn quickly reviewed proposed Starr Library closure dates for 2026 that were previously distributed to the trustees. There was a short discussion and questions were appropriately answered. A motion followed, and it was seconded and unanimously approved.

13. Public Comment Period: There were no comments.

14. Adjournment: Before moving to adjourn, AI spoke for the trustees in expressing strong appreciation for the service and immense contributions to the library and community made by both outgoing trustees Eve (president) and Valerie (secretary). The trustees energetically echoed this tribute. There being no other business to conduct, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: January 22, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

APPENDIX A

Whereas, the By-laws of Starr Library provide that the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers at the meeting of the Board of Trustees held in December to hold such offices for the next calendar year or until successors are elected;

Whereas, the Nominating Committee presents to the Board for election the following slate of Trustees as officers of Starr Library for the office set forth opposite such Trustee's name:

President – Andrew Schulkind

Vice President – Al Ragucci

Treasurer – Jim Ruderman

Secretary – Jay Burgess

each to hold office for the 2026 calendar year or until such officer's successor is elected;

Whereas, to elect such individuals to the recommended positions, the Board adopts the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that Andrew Schulkind is hereby elected and approved as President of Starr Library for a one-year term ending on December 31, 2026 or until his successor is elected;

RESOLVED, that Al Ragucci is hereby elected and approved as Vice President of Starr Library for a one-year term ending on December 31, 2026 or until his successor is elected;

RESOLVED, that Jim Ruderman is hereby elected and approved as Treasurer of Starr Library for a one-year term ending on December 31, 2026 or until his successor is elected;

RESOLVED, that Jay Burgess is hereby elected and approved as Secretary of Starr Library for a one-year term ending on December 31, 2026 or until his successor is elected;

RESOLVED, that the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of Starr Library be, and each of them hereby is, authorized, directed and empowered to execute any applications, certificates, agreements or any other instruments or documents or amendments or supplements to such documents, or to do or cause to be done any and all other acts and things as such officers, in their discretion, may deem necessary or advisable as appropriate to carry out the purpose of the foregoing resolutions; and

RESOLVED, that any banking resolutions or resolutions required to be adopted by any other financial institution related to the election of officers as set forth above shall be deemed adopted as if approved with the foregoing resolutions.