

**STARR LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
68 WEST MARKET STREET
RHINEBECK, NY 12572**

NOTICE OF MEETING Thursday, January 22, 2026, 5:30 P.M.

Trustees Present: Jay Burgess, Laura Charles, Heather Dubuque, Erin Humbaugh, Mimi Joh-Carnella, Tom Mendl, Al Ragucci, Jim Ruderman, Laura Selicaró, Andrew Schulkind, and Director of Programming and Outreach Michelle Montalbano standing in for Director Jaclyn Savolainen. No representative attended the meeting on behalf of The Friends.

1. Call to Order and Review of Agenda: Andrew, president of the board, called the board to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Public Comment Period: There were no comments.
3. Secretary's Report: With a small edit offered by Mimi, there were no other comments on draft minutes from the December 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: Jim presented the report for December. Financial information for the month was advanced to the trustees. Jim reported that the financials represented a solid year-end position. 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: Michelle provided the report for December. The report was sent to trustees prior to the meeting. Numerous upcoming programs were highlighted, including *NYLA Advocacy Day* and *Mother's Favorite Spatula* that will have an opening reception on Feb. 6 and through the end of February exhibit paintings by local artist Angela Basile. Also patron volunteers will participate in a workshop to craft Valentine's Day cards for homebound neighbors who receive home delivered materials from the library. For recent past events, she cited very strong participation in *Getting Organized Despite Yourself: Bullet Journaling with Jaclyn Savolainen*. The board acknowledged Michelle for another year of impressive gains in program offerings and attendance.

Trustees were informed that the annual fundraising appeal went well and exceeded its goal of \$50,000. Michelle indicated that Jaclyn and staff are looking to add some staff presence at key times in which patron volume has been high. New approaches are being considered to deal with recent theft and vandalism impacting the LGBTQ little library.

Her report further indicated that Jaclyn and staff are preparing the annual report to New York State.

Statistics for December were included in the director's report. Discussion ensued among the trustees. All questions asked were appropriately answered.

6. Friends' Report: No representative attended for The Friends.
7. Claims and Warrants: Jim 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. Al stated that the Buildings & Grounds Committee was working on a few small projects that should be completed in the near term.
9. Ad Hoc Committee Reports: None of the ad hoc committees met since the last board meeting.

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10. Correspondence: Michelle told the trustees that many kind and positive notes accompanied year-end donations.
11. Old Business: There was no new business to discuss since the last board meeting.
12. New Business:
 - a. Jaclyn and staff are considering ways to alter the unaccompanied minors policy to provide appropriate supervision of young patrons while being welcoming to a diversity of library users.
13. Public Comment Period: There were no comments.
14. Executive Session: A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
15. Adjournment: 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: February 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.