

Saugerties Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
Date: September 11, 2025

Present: Trustees Yosefa Karchmar, Charlotte Herscher, Paul VanBenschoten, Timothy Scott, Ken Goldberg, Erin Poll (arrived 6:29), Rebecca Lang, Teresa Giordano

Excused: Julie Misiano

Staff: Director Jennifer Russell

Public Attendees: Ray Rebholz

Guest and newly elected Trustee: Valentina Kielland

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM by Tim Scott

Public Comment: (Ray) Congratulations on budget and newly elect. Will kick off New Year for Friends on Monday 9/15.

Unfinished Business:

- Budget and election results.
Yes: 210
No: 19
Total vote: 229

Trustee vote
Karchmar 181
McQuaide 185
Giordano 185

Write in trustees
Kiellnad 57
Graves 52

There was a total of 23 individual names written in on ballots.

- Front garden. Jen got a \$33,000 estimate for a full redesign from Native. Jen had a second conversation with him, he will pare it down and they'll talk again. A gardener around the corner has interesting ideas but has not quoted a price.

New Business:

1. Required Trustee training. Must be done prior to next month's reorganization meeting.

Ken completed everything

Teresa Must complete one more workshops on MHLS website.

Paul must complete continuing education credits

Charlotte – must complete two more workshops

Yosefa - must complete one more workshop

Becky – Must complete one more workshop

Nominating Committee report – Paul: Executive positions – President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary – must be filled. Paul will send a form for each trustee to rank the 3 committees they want to be on and indicate whether you want to be a chairperson. Incoming trustees may not be on the executive board or a chairperson. Paul and Yosefa will tabulate.

Secretary's Report:

Motion by Tim Scott and *Second* by Paul to approve the minutes as written. Motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

6 month CD coming due in 2 weeks. Finance Committee will discuss whether it will be reinvested or not.

Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 28,202.56 made by Charlotte Herscher, seconded by Yosefa Passes unanimously

Director's Report: Please see the report included in the Meeting Packet.

295 participants signed up to read in Summer Reading program

1,955 people participated in library programs this summer

Play at library in August was successful. Paid for with donated funds

End of September hosting Braver Angels who help people learn how to communicate about difficult subject matter.

Tiffany got money from Kiwanis club for a four week adult writing workshop starting October 1st

Jen reported on the new Woodstock Library building tour.

Committee Reports:

Finance: No report due to no meeting.

Next meeting: 9.15 at 6PM

Personnel/Policy: met on August 20. Reviewed the **Patron Complaint Policy**. Tim made motion to discuss the policy. Ken seconded.

Ken questioned the word "proceeding." It was changed to "future."

Yosefa suggested changing first line, staff can refer complaint to the Board, but it was decided that some complaints don't warrant that.

Erin suggested that complaints be responded to in writing so there is a record. Policy will read "Provide a written response and a verbal response if needed."

Tim moved to adopt revision. Becky seconded. Passed unanimously.

Discussed change to **Museum Pass policy**.

Question: is there a limit on late fee? Answer: No All changes were discussed.

Tim makes a motion to accept discussed changes. Teresa seconds the motion. Passes unanimously.

see minutes FMI Next meeting: 9/24 at 6PM

Facilities: No meeting in August

see minutes FMI Next meeting: 9/16 at 6 PM

Outreach: met on 8/25

Teresa reported: Outreach Committee discussed: Library Appreciation event, Community Shares Day, Summer Swap

see minutes FMI

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 by Tim Scott;
Seconded by Teresa Giordano

Passes unanimously.

Submitted by Teresa Giordano

Next meeting: 10/9 at 6PM