

West Hurley Library Board Meeting

June 24th, 2026

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1 Call to order

At 7:04pm by Margaret

1.1 Attending

- Board
 - Maria Granda, Patty Heinitz, Ross Lonstein, Rachel Scott, Margaret Smith, David Thomas, Elizabeth Unterman.

2 Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve by Rachel. Seconded by Maria. Carried.

3 Financial Report

3.1 Financial Reports

- Fuel oil expenses are higher than projected.
- Discussion of Restricted Funds
 - Limits on how funds may be invested.
 - Amounts in excess of the minimum can be applied to other expenses.
- Motion to approve by Margaret. Seconded by Rachel. Carried.

3.2 Warrant List

- Approval of May Warrant List of \$9700.16
 - Motion to approve by Patty. Seconded by Ross. Carried

4 Director's Report

4.1 2025 Annual Report to the Community

- Motion to approve by Margaret. Seconded by Patty. Carried.

4.2 Bus Trip

The final bus trip of the summer to the Tenement Museum went off with out a hitch. The bus was out out. 43 people attended.

4.3 Landscaping

The holly bush has been planted under the flagpole. Some of the smaller plantings were removed and the area mulched.

4.4 Yoga

LeeAnn Kuhne will teach yoga through June. She will resume in November.

4.5 Senior Soup

Discussion

Easter lands early next year. Numbers have been down. I have been leaning towards not participating in Senior Soup in April. Would it matter if Hurley had a Senior Soup in April and West Hurley did not?

4.6 Summer Reading Program

In conjunction with Town of Hurley. Paid for with funds provided by the Town of Hurley.

Events:

- Reading Challenge
- LEGO Dinosaur Labs
- Two by Two Animal Haven
- Sewing Class
- Nature Sculpture Workshop Series
- Hudson Valley Reptile Rescue
- Explore at Home: Take & Make Kits

4.7 Digital News

An iPad is setup with digital newspapers for the use in the library.

4.8 Juneteenth

We were open on Juneteenth in 2026. Our current policy for the library to be closed for six holidays. I suggest that we change to seven days when we review the policies and close for Juneteenth. Visitors were few and most people assumed the Library was closed. In contrast the Poughkeepsie Library is closed seventeen days.

The Director will identify another three days of low attendance and propose ten days closed including Juneteenth for the up-coming year.

5 Finance Committee

5.1 Budget Approval

- Tax Increase 5.01%
- Budget Increase 5.24%
- Motion to accept proposal by Margaret. Seconded by Elizabeth. Carried.

6 By-Law Committee

No Report

7 Building Committee

8 Community Relations

8.1 Friends of the Library Leadership

Discussion

- Currently lacks a President after Kent retired from the position
- They hold relatively few meetings
 - Informational (1-2)
 - Raffle
 - Plant Sale
 - Used Book Sales
- The group has not selected a Vice President, so no one has moved into the position of President.
- The Committee will hold a meeting after August 10th and reach out to the members with an agenda to set a shared vision for the group.
 - The Board can select a liaison, the Community Relations Committee members, or the Director can informally manage the group until a new President is chosen.

8.2 Hurley Comprehensive Plan

- Margaret attended one Kitchen Table Discussion.
- There was limited attendance and participation.
- Suggests the Town liaisons attend other scheduled events and public meetings.

9 Technology

- Wireless AP's need replacement.
- Migration of the Library website to Mid-Hudson pending.

10 Personnel

No Report

11 Strategic Planning

No Report

12 Election Committee

12.1 Terms Expiring in 2026

- Patricia Heinitz
- Ross Lonstein

13 Calendar

- Next meeting will be held on August 19th, 2026.

14 Adjourned

- At 8:02 pm
- motion to close by Margaret. Seconded by Patty. Carried.