

West Hurley Library Board Meeting

August 20th, 2025

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1 Call to order at 7:08 pm by Margaret

1.1 Attending

- Maria Granda, Patty Heinitz, Ross Lonstein, Rachel Scott, Margaret Smith

2 Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve by Margaret, seconded by Maria. Carried.

3 Financial

3.1 Financial Reports

Accounts are in good shape and in percentages for the year.

- Motion to approve by Margaret, seconded by Ross. Carried.

3.2 Warrant List

- approval of Warrant List \$14590.04
 - motion to approve by Maria, seconded by Elizabeth. Carried.

4 Director’s Report

4.1 Personnel

4.1.1 Story Hour Hire

- Proposal that the library hire Kelsey Christiana for the story-hour/homeschool position. Her bio:

With ten years of experience in childcare, I have worked with children of all ages (from infants to teenagers) developing engaging, age-appropriate activities that foster growth, creativity, and a love of learning. For the last two years, I’ve worked at the Hurley Library where I lead toddler story time and develop youth programming designed to support early literacy, social development, and a lifelong appreciation for libraries. My background combines a passion for education with an understanding of child development, making me well-equipped to support the library’s story time and homeschool class offerings.

- Motion to approve hiring of Kelsey Christiana by Margaret. Carried.

4.2 Woodstock Library Pickup

The Woodstock Library will be closing during the month of September to move to their new location.

They expect the move will take a month. I have agreed that they can use West Hurley as a pickup location. We will use the back computer as a separate login computer.

4.3 Godfrey Donation

The Susan Ross Godfrey Living Trust named the library as a beneficiary. The Library received \$10,000.

4.4 Other

4.4.1 Noise Complaint resolved

The president of the board discussed the situation with the neighbor and the young men have not returned.

4.4.2 Outdoor Cameras

There are incidents at night of people sleeping behind the library and relieving themselves in the bushes. Request to add battery/solar cameras behind the building. Suggestion to also put up sign that the area is surveilled.

- Motion to authorize \$200 for cameras by Margaret, seconded by Patty. Carried.

4.5 Museum Passes

- Borscht Belt Museum has been added to the list.
- Began circulating the physical passes using the library calendar.

If this works well, we'll expand it to include the telescope, microscopes, and potentially a typewriter.

4.6 Program Updates

| Event | Date | Attending |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Beginner Yoga | June 10 th | 6 |
| Beginner Yoga | June 17 th | 4 |
| Beginner Yoga | June 24 th | 4 |
| Beginner Yoga | July 1 st | 3 |
| Beginner Yoga | July 8 th | 6 |
| Beginner Yoga | July 15 th | 6 |
| Beginner Yoga | July 22 nd | 5 |
| Beginner Yoga | July 29 th | 5 |
| LEGO Club | June 23 rd | 5 |
| LEGO Club | August 18 th | 7 |
| Book Discussion | June 9 th | 8 |
| Book Discussion | July 14 th | 8 |
| Homing Pigeons | July 23 rd | 5 |
| Woodstock Mayapple Writer's Retreat | August 6 th | 15 |
| Sewing Class | August 16 th | 5 |
| Hudson Valley Reptiles | August 6 th | 22 |

4.7 Upcoming Events

| Event | Date | Notes |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Book Discussion | September 16 th | |
| Knitting Group | | Tuesdays 6pm |
| Beginner Level Yoga | | Tuesdays 2:15pm, \$6/class |

5 Community Relations Committee

5.1 Grant Spending

The Barthel Family requested that donations be given in lieu of flowers. \$1450 was raised. Ann Silverman and Ralph Durham donated an additional \$250.

The committee is making the following recommendations:

- Purchase a new puppet theater
- Replace children's computer with Duplo board and Magnetic board
- Purchase wooden puzzles

5.2 Friends Request

Purchase a set of rotating sensory panels for preschool children, estimated \$3000.

6 By-Law Committee

No Report

7 Building Committee

7.1 New AC System

Installed by Paraco

7.2 Discussion

Should we reseal the parking lot next year. Last time this was done in 2023.

8 Community Relations

No Report

9 Technology

No Report

10 Personnel

No Report

11 By-Laws/Policies

No Report

12 Strategic Planning

No Report

13 Election Committee

13.1 Board Election Thursday September 4th, 3:30pm to 8pm

- Must post the election notice in 5 locations
 - discussion
- 63 Absentee Ballots requested
- Board Members scheduled to attend election:

| Time | Person |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 3:30 - 4:30pm | Maria Granda |
| 4:30 - 5pm | Patty Heinitz |
| 5 - 6pm | Elizabeth Unterman |
| 7 - 8pm | Margaret Smith |

14 Calendar

- Next meeting will be held on September 17th, 2025.

15 Adjourned at 7:51 pm

- motion to close by Ross, seconded by Patty. Carried.