

Friends of the Western Sullivan Public Library

June 25th 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

5:30at the Jeffersonville Branch

In attendance

Michelle Shroeder

Cat Scott

Penelope Gharthey

Audra Everett

Megan Yelekli

Melisse Gelula

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm by Megan.

Treasurer's Report

Penelope provided Treasurer's report. Opening balance in May was \$16,148. We received \$202.68 in revenue, including from the CD's interest and donations. Closing balance was \$16,351.08.

Old Business

A. Digital Payments

1. Venmo is all set up as a charity, and so is Paypal. Meg has an appointment on July 3rd with Donorbox to finalize connections.

B. CD

1. The CD renewal is due. The account will auto renew at under 1% if we did nothing. The Dime Bank offers a special 5 month CD at 4.11% APR and 4.20% APY. The Jeff Bank does not have a suitable CD special.

The Wayne Bank has a 5 month CD promo at 4.10% interest.

2. Megan made a motion to move our matured CD amount into the Dime Bank at 4.11% APR and 4.20% APY. Cat seconded. Megan and Penelope to do so.

C. Membership Committee and ideas for rejuvenation

1. Megan and Melisse met to set up MailChimp account. Megan to work on building profile and importing membership list. Melisse went over a brief overview of what MailChimp is and how we would use it.

D. Grants

1. Megan and Audra set up a time to meet with Dale regarding getting the website updated.
2. Audra will have estimates soon for work this summer on the Air Conditioning unit at the Tusten-Cochecton branch.

E. Banners

1. Megan worked with Keller Signs to design and make a grommet banner and a table runner, both for a standard tent and table. This is a weatherproof material. The total cost was \$172.80. Megan gave Penelope the Invoice to pay within 30 days.

F. Postcards

1. Megan and Melisse met to look at Membership postcard. Melisse had the idea to do a bookmark for donations and a postcard for membership, to keep both separate. They will meet again and have something to

present at the next meeting with updated Narrowsburg Union prices.

New Business

A. Melisse Workshop Series

- a. Melisse held a literary workshop at the Deepwater Literary Festival. This workshop had 31 attendees, and each paid a \$15 entry fee. Melisse generously donated all proceeds from this event to the Friends of the Western Sullivan Public Library, and we should be receiving a check.

B. Annual Meeting Elections

- a. At our annual meeting next month in July, it will be election season for FOL. This event is open to the public, and we will do a push out and have refreshments at this event. If anyone would like a new position, now is the time to do it.

C. Membership Dues

- a. Megan proposed making membership fees to become a friend \$15 flat per household per year, and free for students. The timing on how and when to charge this amount will be discussed in membership committee.
- b. Megan made the motion to accept new dues; Penelope seconded.

D. Democrat Columns

- a. Michelle gave us information on two local individuals who would be interested in listing Friends of the Library information in their local columns in the Democrat. Megan and Michelle will meet to exchange that information.

E. Callicoon Country Fair

- a. The library will have a table at the Callicoon Country Fair on July 26th. Penelope will try and attend; Megan will provide virtual QR code link to collect donations at this event for FOL.

Set Date/Location for the April Meeting

- A. July meeting set for July 28th at 5:30pm in Narrowsburg. This will be our annual meeting.

Adjournment

Megan makes motion to adjourn meeting at 6:21. Melisse seconded. Meeting adjourned.