



Friends of the Western Sullivan Public Library

July 28th 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

5:30pm at the Narrowsburg Branch

Present:

Megan Yelekli

Sue Couture

Bob Couture

Cat Scott

Penelope Ghartey

Audra Everett

Meeting called to order - at 5:40

Treasurer's Report

Penelope gave treasurer's report for annual meeting. Revenue earned from book sales was \$3878.67; from donations, \$2695; from interest on CD, \$122.68. Revenue given to WSPL was \$6708.39. Other expenditures totalled \$472.80.

Old Business

- A. Digital payment is complete, up and running with Donorbox. We have a QR code to accept online donations now. Complete! Show off QR Code - remove from minutes

B. Meg and Penelope moved to Dime Bank 5mo CD at 4.11% APR and 4.20% APY. CD will mature December 25th, 2025.

C. Membership Committee

1. The membership committee will set a meeting for August to discuss dues.

D. Bookmark

Bookmarks have been created to encourage donations to FOL.

Cat made a motion for Megan to print bookmarks at the Narrowsburg Union not to exceed \$100; Penelope seconded

E. MailChimp

1. Meg has been working on MailChimp and is making good progress.

II. New Business

A. HVAC at Narrowsburg

There will be HVAC work going on in Narrowsburg in August to emergently replace the Air Conditioning unit. The cost will be \$29,544. The library has funds to cover, but it will make capital funds tight

Bob had an idea to dedicate sales out of the book vault to this cause. Bob and Sue are remodeling their personal library. An idea was raised to put a table at the Callicoon Farmers Market and sell books. The Farmers Market runs Sunday from 11-2pm, and we would arrive at 10 to set up. Penelope will work it but can't lift books. The Farmers market used to provide tents and tables to nonprofits to attend their markets. Megan will email to the Farmers Market to see if we can do this on August 10th, 17th, and 31st. Cat made a motion to make a \$5000 donation to the library for Narrowsburg HVAC repair. Meg seconded; All in favor.

B. Memorial ideas:

Sue Kohler passed away earlier this month. Cat sent a condolence card on behalf of Friends. The Friends want to do something in her honor; the Library board got donations in Sue's memory, and it was decided that the Friends will hold off on making a donation or something in Sue's memory until the library board decides what they want to do. The Friends will kick in to that fund after it is decided.

An idea was raised to do the holiday book sale as a memorial book sale.

The Friends want to do a memorial bench in Callicoon for Matthew Solomon. Audra will look at and send over bench ideas.

C. Elections

Friends of the Western Sullivan Public Library held their annual voting for positions.

Megan made a motion to keep Penelope Ghartey as treasurer; Sue seconded.

Penelope made a motion to make Megan Yelekli president; Cat seconded.

Megan made a motion to make Catherine Scott vice president. Penelope seconded.

Cat made a motion to keep Bob Couture as member at large. Megan seconded.

Megan will continue acting as secretary.

D. Holiday Food event

Bob wants to do some kind of food event around the holidays to solicit donations. This event would be no cost. Ideas are a holiday charcuterie and mocktails. This would ideally be held in Callicoon on a Saturday from 11-4pm.

There was an idea to get raffle baskets for this event to raise money.

III. Set Date/Location for the August Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 26th at 5:30 in Callicoon.

IV. Adjournment

A. Meg moves to adjourn meeting; Cat seconded. Meeting adjourned 6:49pm .