

Margaret Reaney Memorial Library

Board of Trustees Minutes

June 8, 2026

Call to order at 4:30

Those present: (Diane Empie, Sylvia McClellan, Phoebe Clark, Lisa Harvey, Judy Swartz, Stephanie Cuomo, Rebecca Sokol) Nancy Stowell was absent

No guest/public comment

Motion made by to approve last month's minutes First by Sylvia McClellan; Second by Judy Swartz motion carried.

Motion made by to approve the financial report and vouchers First by Stephanie Cuomo; seconded by Rebecca Sokol; motion carried

Director's Report: The state budget has been passed and libraries didn't fare very well this year. Operating aid has a \$70,000 increase. Construction aid and novel NY stay the same.

There is a new line this year for the NYS Library and has 12 million. This is more assurance for the state library due to federal uncertainties.

This week I will be sending invitations to Niche Academy. These are online training courses. Both MVLS and I can see your account, so there's no need to send anything saying you've completed training.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations & Fundraising: Meeting was held 6/4/26 @ 1pm, Diane, Phoebe, Judy, and Lisa in attendance. Ideas that discussed:

Open House to be held Wednesday August 26, 2026 6-8pm

Wristbands to given way (bought from the trustee account)

Beverage truck?

Ice cream?

Games?

NYS Police with dog demonstration

Music at the Marina Concession Stand Aug 31, 2026 Band playing- Past Prime

Menu discussion- Hot Dogs, drinks, ice-cream with toppings

BBQ to be done by Charlie Bartlett's BBQ planned for Friday 9/11/2026

¼ Chicken +

Have a bake sale at the same time.

He will give us \$5 for every meal sold.

Finance and Personnel: Financial report reviewed. Financial advisor David is coming to next month's meeting to discuss how to make the money at Bank of America earn more. Proposed to change where some the is allocated, add an equipment contact fund. MVLS to come to discuss what needs to be revised on policies. Stephanie is now Chair of Finance and Personnel.

Museum: Past Perfect files now on a USB drive, including one free IT phone call. Fundraiser for the museum, sell calendars? Virtual tour of the Museum?

Building and Grounds: Limbs on the sidewalk were put in a pile for pickup. Plan a walk around the building for future security updates.

Planning, Research and Development: plan meeting after MVLS advises on policy updates.

Friends of the Library: No report

Old Business: Motion to approve Dianas pay raise by Judy, seconded by Sylvia. Get the abatement done, Stephanie to call the bank.

New Business: Elected Nancy as vice president as Sylvia has withdrawn her name for consideration.

Discuss future fundraising goals-Basket Bingo? In March?

Brainstorm program ideas:

Motion to Adjourn, first by Judy Swartz, second by Sylvia McClellan Motion carried.

Time: 5:34pm Eastern

Lisa Harvey 6/9/2026