

LAMONT MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY

MINUTES FOR 9/15/2025

In-Person Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Page Anderson, Rosann Morey, Allison Field, Colleen Rynders, Linda Riccardi, Melanie Field, Heather Cobb, Director.

Absent: N/A

Guest: Mike Zoanetti, Tompkins Financial Advisors

Note: Heather advised that Annette Herbert said she won't be joining the board as she can't commit to the meetings and events due to travel.

Meeting started at 5:38PM

Public Comments:

None

Guest Speaker:

Mike Zoanetti presented our financial portfolio snapshot as of Sept. 12. At this point all of our money is in a money market account. The rates for the account were close to 4% but rates will probably go down this week. Mike discussed a few options that would be within the guidelines that we have.

- ❖ Could move into a Federal Money Market it is comes to Tompkins Trust
- ❖ We will have to look at our management fees - Mike can ask for a further discount on our fee if we stay in the money market.
- ❖ Heather will send Mike the list of acceptable investment accounts to Mike and he will match them with stocks to see if we can make more money than with the cash money market.
- ❖ We could always switch to bank CDs so we don't have to pay the management fees. We would, however, have to manage the CDs ourselves.

Friends of the Lamont Memorial Free Library (FOLMFL):

- ❖ Event Hosting at the Library - we are ok with this, within reason. Someone from the Friends group would need to be present at the event. Heather would have to unlock the building for the event.
- ❖ Resignation - Cheryl Kenyon resigned from the Friends board.
- ❖ Next meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Colleen made the motion to approve the July 21, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Rosann. Approved.

Financial Reports:

- ★ **Profit & Loss:** Heather received the check for the FLLS Family Literacy Mini Grant. Heather paid the insurance, which had an increase of \$117.58. We are done with purchasing Children's Books, Juvenile Books and YA Books for the year.
- ★ **Transaction List:** We had an increase of \$57.68 in our money market account for July. Heather didn't receive the August statement in time for the report.
- ★ **Balance Sheet:** no discussion on this report.
- ★ Motion made by Melanie, seconded by Allie to approve the financial reports. Approved.

Director's Report:

- ★ Numbers increased overall for July & August. WiFi numbers are down. July had the highest number of visitors to the library.
- ★ New Materials: we added 76 new materials (14 from donations) in July and 87 (20 from donations) in August.
- ★ Programs:
 - Adult: 8* programs in July and 5 in August (Bookclub - 1, Knit & Crochet - 9, Health & Wellness Bookclub - 1, Crafts 'n Creations - 1). Total attendance for July programs was 45 and for August was 22. ***Correction Note: There were 7 programs in July, not 8. The Director's report incorrectly stated 8. Minutes were approved with correction.**
 - Teen/Tween: 4 programs (Project Takeover) in July & August. Total attendance was 33 for July and 12 for August.
 - Children: 1 Preschool Storytime in July. None in August. Attendance was 21. ○ Multigenerational: 3 programs in July and 2 in August. (Guided Painting with Capnsans - 4, Splat! Sumthin' - 1). Attendance was 63 for July and 7 for August.
 - Non-library: (4) Tutoring - 8, Cortland County Health Dept. had a table in the front room - 2, Office for the Aging - Farmers Coupons - 7, (2) Summer Music Fest - 114, NYS of Health had a table - 2, and Cortland County Cancer Prevention Program had a table - 6.
- ★ Training & Meetings: Heather attended the FLLS Directors' Meeting via Zoom in July.
- ★ Rosann made the motion to approve the Directors report. Seconded by Page. Approved.

Unfinished Business:

- ★ Wreath Making:
 - Saturday, November 22 at the McGraw Box Brewery. Heather confirmed with Tina that we can have the big room for the event.
 - We need to bring tables.
 - Online Registration. \$20 with their frame, \$25 without frame, \$25 for larger frames.
 - Setup starts at 1:30
 - Program is 2:00 - 4:00

New Business:

- ★ Cortlandville Contract: They are giving us \$5,000 again. Rosann has to sign the contract and Heather will send it back to Cortlandville.
- ★ Landscaping: Mayor Nauseef asked Heather about the idea of landscaping the library and the village paying half of the cost and the library paying the other half. Heather to

ask for a quote. We discussed that at this time the library doesn't have extra funds to devote to this sort of project. Heather pointed out that there are now cameras outside of the library and one on the gazebo, for security purposes.

- ★ Christmas Tree Lighting: Saturday, December 13. 4:30 - 6:00. We will bring cookies. We need another coffee pot. Heather will see if we can borrow one from the village. If not, we authorized Heather to purchase a new one. Allie will contact Santa and arrange the fire truck to bring Santa. They will arrive around 5:00-5:15. Allie will ask the REC committee to do games again. Knit & Crochet group has baskets that they made leftover from the booksale that will be for sales. Do we want to ask the village to do anything for this event? We will ask Mayor Nauseef to be the emcee.
- ★ 2026 Budget: Heather asked if we had any special requests. We had none.
- ★ FLLS Annual Meeting: Friday, October 17. Heather advised that there is money in the budget to pay for the entrance fee for this if anyone is interested in attending.

Next meeting will be on Monday, October 20 at 5:30. We will do a walk through of the building to see if there are any requests for maintenance for the village.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Field, secretary