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Board of Trustees Meeting  
14 January 2026  
Minutes

Called to order: 1:30pm

Present: Diane Aaronson, Mark Boshnack, Susan Kenny, Claudia Bocchinfuso, Glenda Bolton (online; not eligible to vote), and Alex Benjamin

Minutes

The December 10<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed

Mark made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Susan seconded.

All present in favor

Personnel

Claudia motioned to approve the hiring of Jason Parrish as a part-time laborer. Mark seconded. App present in favor.

Long Range Plan

Discussion around the 2026-2030 long-range plan continued. The decision was made to spend one more month reviewing the plan before formally adopting it at the February board meeting.

Library Director's Report

The director's report was presented. Discussion occurred around our new maintenance garage. The initial construction estimate was \$492,000; it was agreed that this is outside of our budget. Alex will research alternatives.

The Front Porch Restoration architects have presented their initial designs. It was agreed to ask them to present at the February board meeting.

The Children's Library is largely complete with only a few design elements left to install. There was discussion around hiring another part time library-clerk to help with the staffing of the Children's Library. Alex will reach out to City of Oneonta Personnel before the next board meeting.

### Other

There was discussion around board members joining the New York Library Association and the American Library Association. More information was requested by the Board. Alex will research and present further on the subject at February's board meeting.

### Financial

Alex presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter financial report. While we do not have the full financial numbers for 2025, the library did finish the year financially healthy. Alex estimates that our operating expenses for 2025 came in around \$40,000 under budget. These savings come almost entirely from salaries.

Susan motioned to approve the bills. Claudia seconded.

All present in favor.

Next meeting is February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30pm.

Susan made a motion to adjourn. Mark seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm