**Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting**

November 18, 2026

Present: Barbara Steckel, Luke Powell, Joyce Reed, Amy Kelley, Sandra Birnbaum, Roger Nadel, Erica Van Patten
Others Present: Jennifer Brown
Absent: Mary Loughney, Ed Adboleta

**Opening of Meeting:**

- President Steckel called the meeting to order.
- The meeting opened at 6:34 pm.

**Approval of September 2026 Minutes:**

- A motion to accept the September 2026 minutes was made by Trustee Kelley and seconded by Trustee Birnbaum.
    - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.

**President's Report:**

- Report by Teen Librarian Roseanne Pensabene
    - Teen crocheting
    - Fox Lane Book Club
    - Sourdough starter program at the beginning of the year
- Update on historical photos of Mount Kisco
    - Printed photos will be installed in the reference room
- Update on reading room art
    - Prints will be installed in
- Update on holding off ribbon cutting
    - Holding until art is installed
- Future seats on the Board
    - Write in candidates names needed from the BOE
- Getting the Board Packet out and responsibility of Board members to read packet content
    - Please read packets. They will begin to come out Friday
- Discussion of Saturday protests
- No December meeting
- Next meeting January 20, 2027

**Director's Report:**

- No Quorum in October
- Grant implementation and improvements
    - Additional funding for elevator grant
    - HVAC system nearly complete
    - Proposal to switch from Hoopla to Cloud Library
- Community outreach and communications

    - Judge Kensing Plaque
- Management updates
- Programing Updates/Department head report

**Board Treasurer's Report:**

- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report from September was made by Trustee Birnbaum and seconded by Trustee Van Patten.
    - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report from October was made by Trustee Powell and seconded by Trustee Reed.
    - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present

**Library Financial Report:**

- A motion was made to accept the Library Financial Report from September was made by Trustee Kelley and seconded by Trustee Birnbaum.
    - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.
- A motion was made to accept the Library Financial Report from October was made by Trustee Reed and seconded by Trustee Birnbaum.
    - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.

**Committee Reports:**

- Friends of the Library
    - Book Sale
    - Sept. Fest Table Saturday 9/19
- Development Committee
    - Initiative updates

**New Business:**

- A motion was made to approve the purchase of five historical photos from Minuteman Press for $369.33 for the reference section upstairs.
    - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present
- A motion was made to allocate $3,500 for the Library Director to purchase art and hardware for the reading room.
    - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present
- A motion was made to allocate $1,000 for the Library Director to purchase media from Library Cloud.
    - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.
- A motion was made to approve the WLS Direct Access Plan from 2027-2031 was made by Trustee Powell and seconded by Trustee Kelley
    - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present

**Old Business:**

- Nothing to report

**Executive Session:**

- No Executive Session was called

**Public Comment:**

- President Steckel opened the public comment section.
- Mary Loughney: “You’re doing great work”

**Adjournment:**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Birnbaum and seconded by Trustee Nadel..
- The motion was unanimously approved by members present.
- The meeting concluded at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Powell
Secretary, Trustee
Mount Kisco Public Library Board of Trustees