

Seneca Falls Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2026 – 5:30 PM

Present: Maggie Carson, Marie Leo, Deb Jones, Robert Kernan, Martin Toombs, Haidee Oropallo, Laurie Lorenzetti, Chetta Brown, Jan Driscoll, and Dan Babbitt, Sr.

Absent: Jeanmarie Burke, Kristin Sandroni, Mari Sandroni, and Kelly Redder (attended via Zoom app)

Staff: Jenny Burnett and Lori Stoudt

- 1.) Public Comment – no public present
- 2.) Review of potential conflicts of interest – none
- 3.) Reports to the Board
 - a.) President’s Report
 - i.) Everyone completed the Trustee Training for 2025
 - b.) Treasurer’s Report
 - i.) See Treasurer’s Report, December 2025
 - ii.) See proposed changes in the Investment Policy

Motion to approve proposed changes to Investment Policy. Marty Toombs moves.
Dan Babbitt seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

- c.) Director’s Report
 - i.) See January 2026 Library Director Report
 - ii.) Motion to approve hiring the Ying Quartet for \$4,500. Marie Leo moves. Maggie Carson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
 - iii.) Motion to acquire Authors Speak Database for \$2,500 annually, funded through the Delavan Grant. Maggie Carson moves. Laurie Lorenzetti seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

- 4.) Committee Reports
 - a) Buildings and Grounds
 - i) See Buildings and Grounds Report, January 2026
 - ii) Motion to approve up to \$52,000 for the Community Room sound and door badging grant project. Haidee Oropallo moves. Dan Babbitt seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
 - iii) Motion to approve the Caratozzolo quote of \$9,000 for replacement of lighting. Marie Leo moves. Chetta Brown seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

- b) Policy and Ethics
 - i.) See Whistleblowers Policy

Motion to re-approve the Whistleblowers and Gift Acceptance Policies. Deb Jones moves. Bob Kernan seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

- c) Strategic Planning / Finance – No report
- d) Audit – No report
- e) Personnel – No report

- f) Fundraising
 - i.) Thank you to Lori Stoudt for successful Cookie Walk & Kids Holiday Market
- g) Board Membership
 - i.) Kelly Redder will be contacting committee about meeting in early February

5.) Motion to approve committee reports. Jan Driscoll moves. Dan Babbitt seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

6.) Approval of minutes of November 2025 board meeting. Bob Kernan moves. Haidee Oropallo seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Chetta Brown moves. Marie Leo seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Adjourned 6:05 PM

Next meeting: Monday, February 16, 2026

Approved by board on _____ :

Deb Jones, Secretary