

ELIZABETH B. PERT LIBRARY

Board Meeting on April 30, 2026 – Called to Order at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Bobbi B., Kylie R., Ella P., Amy GB., Nancy D., Amanda Z. and Cathy B. Absent: Tim A. and Tom P.

Additions to Agenda: 1) Tom P. has requested \$300 for items needed for front flower bed. Bobbi B. stated that this not a board issue but should come out of the library budget under building and grounds maintenance budget line. All board members agreed and so Bobbi B. will contact Tom P. and tell him to bring any receipts to Amanda Z. for reimbursement. 2) Amanda Z. is requesting to use time off for not being available at July 30th Board Meeting.

Welcome to Guests or Public: None present

Secretary's Report: Draft was sent out and Board Members made 2 corrections at this meeting. Motion was made to accept minutes as corrected by Kylie R. and seconded by Nancy D. All others agreed. Corrected version will be posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report: Started April 2026 with \$144374. and ended with \$146946. Received some donations and paid normal monthly bills. Amy GB asked about the cost share our library pays to STLS. Amanda Z. said she would contact Brian H. to find out why we haven't received our bill. Bobbi B. asked Amy GB. about getting a monthly spreadsheet for the board meetings. Amy GB. said that won't be a an issue.

Director's Report: Amanda Z. said Sue Hazlitt sent a Thank You for our gift. She showed us a new magazine that has come in mail locally with many interesting stories called "Living Your Dream". It is being put out by Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce. She also brought up Spring CE Training on June 5, 2026 that she will be attended and Board Members are welcome. It will be held at Corning Community College. Amanda Z. passed out of a list of upcoming STLS training. Kylie R. asked if our Board Members could receive emails about trainings and Amanda Z. said she would give STLS names of board members interested and that when STLS sent out email for those members there would be a step each person would need to complete to be added. Amanda Z. also signed up for North Star Leadership thru STLS and it gives her a lot of information. There could be a library degree involved. Amanda Z. showed us the display and information on the 1st child librarian of the week – John Peters. Amanda Z. gave us a copy of numbers in the annual report and there was a discussion about them.

Assistant Director's Report: See attached report. Cathy B. stated that the grant our library received from the Southern Tiers Arts Council will be used to have Gwen Moretti do a 3 part series – a Spring Wreath Workshop, then in maybe a tie dye program in July or August and then in November a winter wreath program. Cathy B. stated she was also invited to be on a review panel. Our library was also awarded a \$2,500 from the United Way.

Old Business:

1. Discussed the Library Budget Vote coming up and reminded our board of our schedule to be at Watkins Glen Library to help and supervisor. Remind all your friends and family to vote.
2. School Board Budget Presentation – Bobbi B. presented to the school board and it went really well. Left the school board members a packet with information.
3. Dyslexia information – Bobbi B. gave the board information which included the fact that font, spacing and coloring is very important. It helps people with Dyslexia to have books that they can read and listen to at the same time. Amanda Z. also looked into books. There are box books and Wonder Books, of course they are more expensive. She showed us a Wonderbook.
4. Playground update: Kylie R. looking into grants. The Playground Committee went to Town Board Meeting to get their approval. Next big fundraising event is the Hector-A-Fair in July.

New Business and Additions to Agenda:

1. Rummage Sale is being organized by Nancy D.. It will be the 1st weekend of June. Nancy D. has made up a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items for rummage sale. Advertisements will go out 2 weeks before sale. Anyone can help at the sale they don't have to be a library volunteer. Nancy D. will be checking to see if the church in Montour Falls would be interested in picking up items left over after the sale. Items can be donated on Thursday and the sale will be Friday and Saturday. Nancy D. she will set up a schedule for people to sign up to work.

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2. Open Meeting Law Discussion – this rules will need to be followed when we are a chartered library. If a board member can't attend a meeting in person but calls in by phone they can't vote on anything. Post minutes shortly after meeting as a draft. Everything needs to be done publicly. Be as transparent as possible. NYS requires 4 Board Meetings a year. Our board has a meeting every month and we can change later if we want to.
3. Bobbi B., Amanda Z. and Cathy B. will meet on May 21st at noon for Agenda Meeting.
4. Bobbi B. spoke to Brian H. about our charter and he said things are on hold.
5. Kylie R. wants to do a discussion next month on what our library will do at Hector-A-Fair. She also asked if the Library would like to be a bus stop for public transportation. We all agreed that would be a good idea.

Bobbi B. asked for motion to adjourn meeting. Amy GB made a Motion and Nancy D. seconded. We all agreed Meeting adjourned 7:55 P.M.