



Board of Trustees Annual Meeting

Date: 03/19/2026

Location: Library Community Room

Trustees Attending in person:

Gary Sheffer (President), Dani French (Vice President), Jim Kelly (Secretary), Patty Brennan (Treasurer), Aaron Able, Jessica Almeleh-Frazer, Miranda Barry, Sean Gilleran, Kellen Henry, Sharon Javna, Ryan Kelly, Carol Pledger, Heather Thiry, Sherry Jo Williams

Excused: Wesley Brown, Jared Muehlbauer, Kelley Robinson

Absent: none

Staff Attending: Emily Chameides (Director)

Others Attending: Katie Konigsberg, Kylah Campeta, Jill Turner, Michael Grisham

Gary called the meeting to order at 07:08 pm and asked the guests attending to introduce themselves. The guests introduced themselves.

Motion to approve 2025 annual meeting minutes was made by Kellen Henry and seconded by Aaron Able. Vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

Ratification of the 2026 Operating Budget: Patty Brennan

Gary asked if the Board had any questions about the proposed operating budget. The Board asked if we would have to account for paying a donor management consultant or hiring any other services throughout the year in the budget. Patty noted that if a significant cost were incurred, a budget amendment could be considered at that point in the year.

A motion to approve the 2026 operating budget was made by Dani French and seconded by Sean Gilleran . The budget was approved with a unanimous vote.

Library Director's Annual Report: Emily Chameides

Emily provided a report highlighting community engagement with various interactive library programs, exhibitions, resources, collections, outreach and collaboration engagements, and events in 2025 and highlighted focus areas for 2026. In 2026, the library will be focusing on strategic planning, long-term sustainability, and community engagement that reflects community needs. Emily thanked the library's many collaborating partners, its staff, trustees, donors, the Friends of the Library, and volunteers for their past and continuing contributions to a diversity of programs and services for our community. Emily also thanked the library's many members, local businesses, the City of Hudson, Town of Greenport, Town of Stockport and

Columbia County and our many generous funders for their support and collective engagement with the library.

Election of the Trustees & Officers

Sean proposed the following slate of new and renewing board members:

- Board members for first three-year terms beginning in March 2026: Kylah Campeta, Katie Konigsberg, Jill Turner, and Jared Muehlbauer,
- Board member for second three-year term beginning in March 2026: Miranda Barry.

Sean proposed the following returning Board member to fill the one-year remaining from Joe Ferris’s term: Michael Grisham.

The floor was opened for discussion and no other nominees were proposed.

Jim cast one ballot to approve the slate as presented.

Sean proposed continuing with the following slate of existing executive officers of the Board of Trustees: Gary Sheffer (President), Dani French (Vice President), Jim Kelly (Secretary), and Patty Brennan (Treasurer). The floor was opened for discussion and no other nominees were proposed.

Jim cast one ballot to approve the slate as presented.

Public comment

None

Motion to adjourn made by Dani French at 07:46 pm and seconded by Sean Gilleran. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Jim Kelly, 03 19 2026

Recording Secretary

Date of approval