



Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

Date: 06/18/2026

Location: Library Community Room

Trustees Attending in person:

Gary Sheffer (President) , Patty Brennan (Treasurer), Aaron Able, Jessica Almeleh-Frazer, Miranda Barry, Michael Grisham, Kellen Henry, Katie Konigsberg, Jill Turner

Excused: Dani French (Vice President), Jim Kelly (Secretary), Sean Gilleran, Sharon Javna, Jared Muehlbauer, Kylah Perez, Carol Pledger, Kelley Robinson, Heather Thiry

Absent: N/A

Staff Attending: Emily Chameides (Director)

Others Attending: David Murphy, Jean Warshaw

The meeting was not called to order by Gary Sheffer because there was not a quorum present. Those present informally discussed the reports, but did not vote on them.

No motion to approve the May minutes was made.

Reports

President's Report: Gary Sheffer

Bard discussions continue. Bard board members have replaced Eric Galloway as the sole trustee of the entity that owns the Armory, and those Trustees are now responsible for managing the building and its sale. At the latest meeting with Bard, the conversations were more informal. There will be another meeting in July where they will share more information about the costs of running the building and what it would take to make it profitable. Gary and Patty have issued a request for proposals to commission our own appraisal.

414 Committee: Gary Sheffer

The ballot initiative will ask voters to vote yes or no to a \$50K increase from Hudson, and \$30K increase from Greenport. Aaron is leading in Hudson, Michael in Greenport. In Hudson, a home appraised at \$400K currently pays \$30.69 for the Library; adding \$50K to the Hudson budget would lead to an increase of around \$4 for that property owner (to \$34.52). In Greenport a home assessed at \$400K now pays \$38.81; adding \$30L to the Greenport budget would lead to an increase of around \$12 for that property owner (to \$51.07).

Treasurer's Report: Patty Brennan

Through the month of May we collected 70% of our budgeted operating income and spent 35% of our budgeted operating expenses.

In income, total receipts were \$47,900 for the month. Notable in Income for the Month: Donations & Gifts Unrestricted: \$30,000 from an individual donor through Fidelity Charitable; Foundation Grants Unrestricted: \$11,000 from the HRBT Foundation; Restricted: \$3,750 from the Friends of the Hudson Area Library.

In expenses, total expenses were \$57,538 for the month. Notable in Expenses for the Month: Utility bills have been delayed both from National Grid (for one unit) and Galvan (for all units). National Grid – Electric \$1,343.65 and Gas \$484.77.

No motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. There was no vote to approve the report.

No motion was made to approve the Profit & Loss Detail for May 2026.

Director's Report: Emily Chameides

Kate Shannon has joined as Assistant Library Director. She most recently worked as the Assistant Library Director for the Roeliff Jansen Community Library and is a Hudson resident.

Notable grants received: \$30,000 from Hudson Home for the Aged for programs, services and resources for senior citizens; \$11,000 HRBT for general operating; and \$3,750 from Friends of HAL for Summer Reading Program, History Room archival projects, and collections support.

Emily reported that we've had an unusual number of facilities challenges recently: automatic doors out of order (parts on order), broken window in Teen Room (plywood applied while awaiting custom glass), elevator out of service (resolved), AC and fire detection system needed repair (resolved). The new property management team has been working to get these repairs made as quickly as they are able.

Quickbooks migration to online is complete, and went more smoothly than expected. Zeffy has been setup for use by the Gala Committee selling tickets and sponsorships.

Pride parade – lineup by 1:45pm, 7th Street between Long Alley and Columbia.

Advocacy: Jared Muehlbauer – not present

Programming Committee: Please sign up to volunteer for the Summer Reading kickoff.

Board Development: Sean Gilleran – not present

Fundraising Committee: Miranda Barry

Major progress in CRM activation. Fundraising will be scheduling an evening with the Board to go over lists of patrons and sponsors and prioritize those for the Gala, Gallop, and Annual Appeal – beginning of supporter segmentation.

History Room Committee: Gary Sheffer

The next History Room Exhibit will be held in January and focus on the Jonas Family Studio made the Dinosaurs in Claverack which were displayed in Dinoland, sponsored by Sinclair Oil, at the 1964 World's Fair in New York City. There was a send-off parade for the dinos in Hudson.

We bought a collection via auction belonging to the Ferrand Family who built the building which later housed the CH Evans Brewery in Hudson until the building burned to the ground in 1811. Hudson walking tour

pamphlet is being printed. LGBTQ program next Thursday features highlights from our oral history collection.

Gala Committee: Jessica Almeleh-Frazer

The Save the Date is almost ready. Will go out to prospective sponsors shortly and later to the wider list for single ticket sales.

Long Range Plan Committee: Gary Sheffer & Kellen Henry

Survey out to local media today, flyers in the library. One-on-one interviews will be completed by the end of July. All community conversations to be completed by the end of August, possibly with the exception of the youth one.

Ghostly Gallop Committee: Kylah Perez – not present

Friends of the Hudson Area Library: Jessica Almeleh-Frazer

Cocktail party was a big success. Made over \$3,000. Book and Bake Sale scheduled for the weekend of September 18. Book donations are welcome.

Public comment

None.

No Motion to adjourn was made. The meeting ended at 7:15 pm.

Miranda Barry, 06/18/26	Jim Kelly, 7/16/26
Recording Secretary (acting)	Date of approval