Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
Date: 09/24/2026
Location: HAL Community Room

Trustees Attending in person:
Gary Sheffer (President), Michael Grisham (Treasurer), Jim Kelly (Secretary), Aaron Able, Jessica Almeleh-Frazer, Sean Gilleran, Sharon Javna, Katie Konigsberg, Jared Muehlbauer, Kylah Perez, Carol Pledger, Kelley Robinson, Heather Thiry, Jill Turner

Excused: Dani French (Vice President), Miranda Barry

Staff Attending: Emily Chameides (Director)

Others Attending: Janet Schnitzer

The meeting was called to order by Gary Sheffer at 06:02 pm. He welcomed trustees and guests.

A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Jill Turner and seconded by Jared Muehlbauer. The vote to approve minutes was unanimous.

Reports

President's Report: Gary Sheffer
Gary reminded Trustees to complete their required yearly trustee education this year, with the goal of completion by the November meeting.

A motion was made to enter executive session by Kelley Robinson and seconded by Sean Gilleran to discuss matters related to the Hudson Armory building.

A motion to exit the executive session was made by Michael Grisham and seconded by Kylah Campeta.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Grisham
Through August, we collected 82% of our annual budgeted operating income and spent 49% of our budgeted operating expenses. Total receipts were $61,350 for the month. Total expenses were $64,124 for the month. Notable in Income for the month: in Unrestricted Foundation Grants, $5,000 from anonymous.

A motion was made to approve the September Treasurer's Report by Carol Pledger and seconded by Jim Kelly. The vote to approve the report was unanimous.

A motion was made to approve the August Profit & Loss Detail by Sean Gilleran and seconded by Aaron Able. The vote to approve the Profit & Loss Detail was unanimous.

Director's Report: Emily Chameides
Emily provided staffing capacity and role status updates. Emily noted that the library is receiving a $2,000 grant

through the Mid-Hudson Library System for disaster preparedness supplies.

Gala Committee: Jessica Almeleh-Frazer and Heather Thiry
Jessica and Heather thanked everyone for their contributions to the Gala event, described its success, and invited Trustees to provide any feedback

414 Initiative: Aaron Able
Aaron provided updates for this year's 414 initiative and the board discussed the initiatives location in this year's ballot.

Ghostly Gallop Committee: Kylah Perez
Kylah noted that we have signs and if anyone has areas they would suggest placing them to feel free to reach out. Kylah provided registration, cost, sponsorships, and fundraising related updates. Kylah noted that we are beginning to coordinate volunteers for the event.

Board Development Committee: Carol Pledger
Carol reminded the board that we have one open spot and are also seeking a treasurer to fill in Michael's interim position. Carol noted that board members could help surface any expressed interest in joining the Board.

History Room Committee: Gary Sheffer
Gary noted the Dinosaur exhibit is progressing and shared other history room updates.

Long Range Plan Committee: Kellen Henry
Kellen shared updates about the Turning Outward process progressing and learning from community members how the library could continue to serve their needs.

Programming Committee: Kelley Robinson
Kelley highlighted volunteer opportunities on this Sunday's Music in the Stacks event and upcoming programs.

Advocacy: Jared Muehlbauer
Jared provided current advocacy opportunity updates.

Friends of the Hudson Area Library: Jessica Almehel-Frazer
Jessica described a successful Friends Book and Bake Sale this month.

Public comment: Janet Schnitzer of the Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) Board provided information about the MHLS overseeing 66 libraries in Greene, Columbia, Dutchess, Ulster, and Putnam counties.

Motion to adjourn was made at 07:17 pm by Kelley Robinson and seconded by Sean Gilleran. The vote to adjourn was passed unanimously.

Jim Kelly, 09/24/26	10/15/26
Recording Secretary	**Date of approval**