

Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Library
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 7:00 PM
(In person at the Library)

Present: Victoria Panetis, Kelly Ruby, Ed Stanford, Sara Tucker, Shauna Wennerod

Also Present: Alex Tretiak, Library Director

Absent: Len Hunt, Anne O'Brien, Tina Roeder

A quorum was present in person.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Ed Stanford.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for the September 10 meeting: Motion was made by Victoria Panetis. Seconded by Kelly Ruby. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None.

IV. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Highlights from the report include the following:

- The RCLS Road Trip program wrapped up at the end of September, with two visitors having visited every single participating library and completing their road trip at our library.
- Our Book Sale is scheduled for November 9-15. Patrons are welcome to drop off donations from October 20-November 5 during regular open hours.
- We received a check from the Spitzer Charitable Trust for general operating support.
- Friday afternoon movies continued throughout September with a small group of regular attendees. We received positive feedback regarding the selection of new, under-the-radar films with critical acclaim, so we will continue to offer these types of films.
- We purchased an Apple HDMI converter for our A/V equipment to better accommodate visiting presenters who use Macbooks.
- On September 28, the Library participated in the Piermont Community Center's Open House, with our director answering questions and promoting upcoming events.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Monthly Report: Presented by Victoria Panetis. Posted on the Library website.

B. Claim Sheet: Motion to approve the claim sheet made by Shauna Wennerod. Seconded by Kelly Ruby. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Fundraising & Special Events Committee (reported by Sara Tucker)

-The Pumpkin Decorating event is Sunday, October 26, 10am-12pm, with a rain date of Thursday, October 30, 4-6pm.

-The next Local Spotlight will be the Happy Dog Gallery.

B. Building & Grounds Committee (reported by Kelly Ruby)

-The gutters were cleaned and will undergo one more cleaning after the leaves fall.

-The front porch lights were fixed.

-The sprinklers were winterized.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion to accept the RCLS 2026 Operating Budget was made by Victoria Panetis. Seconded by Sara Tucker. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Motion to appoint Usha Wright to fill the vacant Board seat for a term which will run through the end of 2027. Motion made by Kelly Ruby. Seconded by Sara Tucker. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Motion to renew the consulting services contract with Alexis Starke for art programming. Motion made by Victoria Panetis. Seconded by Kelly Ruby. Motion passed unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Sara Tucker. Seconded by Kelly Ruby. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.