

Mamaroneck Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes for September 10, 2025

Board members present: Ellen Hauptman, Lilliana Diaz-Pedrosa, Erin Ahrens, Elenita Chmilowski, Janice Goldklang, Paul Ryan

Board members absent: David Brown, Luisa Fuentes, Sid Albert, George Mgrditchian

Also Attending: Trish Bryne, Director

Lilliana Diaz-Pedrosa called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Paul Ryan seconded the motion.

Motion to approve the minutes of July 9th meeting; One minor attendance change (Erin Ahrens listed twice in attendance) was noted and then all approved.

Audit of the Bills: A motion to approve the July and August bills was made by Paul Ryan. All bills presented were approved by the board.

Financial Update: Ellen discussed the process of issuing checks after the Audit of the Bills. A motion was made to allow for pre-approval of customary checks, so they can be mailed sooner. The motion was passed with all in favor.

Ellen presented the updated Financial Controls, the Board reviewed the updates and approved the changes.

Ellen Hauptman presented the financial update. Revenue continued to be higher than expected. Expenses were under budget. The board approved the finances and bank reconciliation. It was noted that the boilers will need to be replaced.

Ellen presented a review of the draft budget for 2026-2027. The budget includes an estimated 4% tax rate, down from the 5% tax rate last year. The five-year strategic plan is to hire a full-time teen librarian and the revised 2026-2027 budget includes the cost to hire a new teen librarian. The revised budget for 2026-2027 was approved by the Board.

Trustee training: Lilliana Diaz-Pedrosa reminded Board members of the Trustee training requirements. Two hours of Training per calendar year are required and certificates are to be sent to Linda.

Lilliana Diaz-Pedrosa provided an update on the attorney search. She and George Mgrditchian have narrowed the list of 16 potential candidates to 5. They will put all the information together and will present it to the Board soon.

Staffing Changes:

Trish proposed the appointment of a new library page, Sabrina White, and a new part-time Youth Services Department Librarian, Veronica Popsis. The Board voted in favor of the appointment of Sabrina White as a page. The board voted in favor of appointing Veronica Popsis as the children's librarian.

Trish also noted that Teresa Beebe has announced her retirement after 20 years of service to the library.

Ellen Hauptman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elenita Chmilowski seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectively submitted,
Erin Ahrens
Secretary