

Mamaroneck Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes for January 14, 2026

Board members present: Ellen Hauptman, Lilliana Diaz-Pedrosa, Erin Ahrens, Elenita Chmilowski, Janice Goldklang, David Brown, Sid Albert, George Mgrditchian, Paul Ryan, Luisa Fuentes

Board members absent: None

Also Attending: Trish Bryne, Director, and Richard Aks (non-board Treasurer)

Lilliana Diaz Pedrosa called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Janice Goldklang seconded the motion.

Motion to approve the minutes of November 12th meeting was made by George Mgrditchian and seconded by Erin Ahrens. All approved.

Financial Update: Ellen Hauptman provided an overview of the Library's finances. The Library is far below plan on building maintenance. We are in the process of getting bids for the water heater and sealing the windows. We are already seeing a financial benefit from switching to M&T from TD Bank. Year-to-date revenues in four categories are already ahead of budget. On expenses, we may come in below on professional fees. A motion to approve the financial documents and bank reconciliations was made by George Mgrditchian and seconded by Lilliana Diaz-Pedrosa. All approved.

Year End Appeal: Ellen Hauptman provided a quick update. As of today, donors have given \$48,000, ahead of our target fundraising amount of \$40,000. We did receive some designated funds towards adult books, children books and ebooks, and a designated \$5,000 donation to do a monthly adult music program. Trisha has started to organize this to be held monthly on Saturdays.

Craft Fair: Sid Albert reported a successful craft fair in early December. Discussed how to make it easier to set up tables for next year, and how other board members may continue this event going forward.

Board Elections: The election was held December 10, 2025. Congratulations to returning board

members Lilliana Diaz-Pedrosa and David Brown and to incoming board member Ben Browning.

Newsletter: David Brown created the first draft newsletter and discussion about what to be changed and what needs to be added in the newsletter entailed. The board plans to have the newsletter out within the next two weeks. The Board agrees that a subgroup will be formed to finalize the newsletter.

Board of Trustees Composition: George Mgrditchian announced that we have been given State approval to have between 5-15 members on the Board. The board voted to adjust the by-laws and reduce our Board members from ten to seven and to vote on the by-law language at the next meeting.

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.

MPL Attorney Search: Lilliana Diaz-Pedrosa and George Mgrditchian continue to make progress on Attorney Search.

Staffing: Appointments: Ismael Castro Romero was appointed as the new FT Caretaker/Custodian in place of Gerado who retired. All Board Members approved the appointment. Sally Matthews was moved up to the PT Children's Librarian. All Board Members approved the appointment.

Transitions: Jennifer Cafero part-time circulation clerk has resigned.

New Business: Trish is looking for new furniture for the teen room. She is in the process of finding furniture that is within the budget.

Richard Aks and Trish discussed the library audit being held in March, and that we will ask for a draft to be distributed to the Board ahead of the meeting.

Ellen added that we will be getting another \$50,000 donation this month.

George made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ellen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectively submitted,

Erin Ahrens
Secretary