

**Mamaroneck Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes for February 11, 2026**

Board members present: Ellen Hauptman, Lilliana Diaz-Pederosa, Paul Ryan, Erin Ahrens, Luisa Fuentes, David Brown, Ben Browning

Board members absent: Elenita Chmilowski, Sid Albert, George Mgrditchian,  
Also attending: Trish Bryne, Director, **Richard Aks (non-board Treasurer)**

Lilliana Diaz-Pederosa, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Ellen seconded.

Lilliana announced that the Board has an immediate vacancy due to Janice Goldklang resigning, effective Monday, February 9, 2026. Ben Browning was sworn in as a new member of the Board of Trustees. Ben Browning was recently elected to the Mamaroneck Library Board at the December election and his term originally was to start in June, 2026.

Meeting called to Executive Session at 7:13pm.

The executive session ended at 7:33pm.

One error was found in the January minutes. Minutes from January need to be updated to reflect the correct number of board members. The correct number is 5-15. Ellen Hauptman made a motion to approve the revised minutes of January meeting: Paul Ryan seconded. All approved.

The Board discussed the leak which occurred 1/30/26. The problem has been contained but the library is now waiting for an adjuster, before the unit will be fixed. Hoping we will be able to fix the unit when the library is closed Sunday and Monday this week.

Audit of Bills: A motion to approve the January bills was made by Ellen Hauptman. All bills presented were approved by the Board.

Financial Update: Ellen Hauptman presented the donation update. The last three months of donations, number of donors and total amount donated have both increased. The total of donations \$1,000 or greater was 27% compared to 19% last year. A motion to approve the financial statement and bank reconciliations was made by Ellen Hauptman. All approved.

Newsletter: David Brown provided an update on the newsletter that was sent out on January 22, 2026. The plan is for the newsletter to be published quarterly. The statistics were impressive—it had a great open rate and one library patron praised the newsletter and thought publishing every other month would be great.

Board Members: The Board approved the decision to reduce the number of Board members from 9 members to 7 members, effective May 31, 2026. All approved the decision.

Attorney Update: Lilliana and George met to find the new attorney. They have narrowed it down to four new candidates and our current attorney. There are two candidates they feel very comfortable considering, but still speaking with additional.

Lilliana reminded everyone that we all need at least two hours of Trustee training, in addition to the Vector meeting.

Staffing: Board voted to approve Anika Siegel as a part time Circulation Clerk. All approved. Motion to approve Trish as Director from provisional Director. All approved.

Three Board Members will be leaving the Board this year: Paul Ryan, Sid Albert and Elenita Chmilowski.

In line with the appointment to Director, a motion was made to approve Trish Byrne's salary to \$124,000 per year effective February 15, 2026. This was approved in the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm. Ellen made a motion to adjourn. Paul seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Ahrens  
Secretary