

**Larchmont Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 19, 2025**

The Larchmont Public Library Board of Trustees met on 3/19/25, attended by Library Board Chair Lauren Gottfried (LG), Library Trustees Jill Brennick (JB), Linnet Tse (LT), Galit Lopatin Bordereau (GLB), Barbara Flickinger (BF), Celeste Sharpe (CS), Barbara Liptack (BL), Village of Larchmont Liaison Dana Post (DP), Town of Mamaroneck Liaison Sabrina Fiddelman (LSF), , Friends Liaison Ellie Berlin (EB), Library Director Andrew Farber, Head of Reference Paul Doherty (PD), and Library Staff Assistant Janet Regan (JR).

Library Board Chair LG called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

**Minutes**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes for the 2/12/25 Library Board Meeting with the correction that the Centennial Committee will meet regularly.

**Board**

LG welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Friends**

EB reported on their successful fundraising for 2024. The Friends and LG took the donors out to lunch to thank them.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance**

*Schedule of Bills and Performance Report:* The Board unanimously approved the schedule of bills and the additional list of bills dated 3/19/25.

**Centennial**

JB reported meeting with Jackie Pare, who does program for the Friends. Ideas for future programming was discussed. PD shared information on possible programs that the Library would host.

**Facilities**

No major facilities issues have occurred this month.

Planning started to move collection as needed when the elevator is out of order during retrofit. AF reported that the elevator grant downpayment check will go out. The Library has received 90% of grant amount. It will take 14 weeks to receive the parts needed for the work and the work is expected to take 6 weeks.

LG reported that SAM grant checks are still outstanding for the roof replacement. The grants been sent to legislation to approve the checks.

**Resolutions**

GB made a motion to approve the resolution to hire Kristi Farrell as a Librarian I Children's Services with an appointment date of 2/23/25 and an effective start date of 3/25/25 at the annual salary of \$75,976. CS seconded the motion.

LT made a motion to approve the resolution to hire Susan Kramer as a Librarian I PTA with a start date of 3/6/25 at the hourly rate of \$36.48. JB seconded the motion.

BF made a motion to approve the hire of Grace Pettinelli as a Library Page with a start date of 3/20/25, at the hourly rate of \$16.50. CS seconded the motion.

GLB made a motion to approve the resolution to accept the Otis Elevator maintenance contract at a cost of \$7200 a year. LT seconded the motion.

BL made a motion to approve the NYS annual report. BF seconded the motion.

CS made a motion to close the Library on Easter Sunday, 4/20/25. BF seconded the motion.

### **Director's Report**

The Library has launched it's new museum pass online booking software, MuseumKey. Staff have reported that it is working well and they are happy with it.

AF attended the Westchester Library Association conference. Both legislators and librarians spoke at the meeting.

The union met to negotiate the new contract, with the next meeting scheduled for 4/3.

The new WLS app has been experiencing problems; patrons are being repeatedly logged out of the app, loading time is slow, and patrons may have to manually update the app.

Library Interiors will be visiting the Children's room to create an estimate to close in the office and replace the current rocking chairs with non-rocking chairs, as well as replace the old and unneeded audio cd shelving.

The children's librarian, Linnea Moosmann visited the local schools to share her Youtube book club videos and winter blues list.

The Library is interviewing cleaners for weekends and snow days.

The meeting went into Executive session 7:11 and left executive session at 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrew Farber  
Library Director