

**Larchmont Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
October 8, 2025**

The Larchmont Public Library Board of Trustees met on 10/8/25, attended by Library Board Chair Lauren Gottfried (LG), Library Trustees Jill Brennick (JB), Linnet Tse (LT), Galit Lopatin Bordereau (GLB), Barbara Liptack (BL), Barbara Flickinger (BF), Celeste Sharpe (CS), Village of Larchmont Liaison Dana Post (DP), Friends Liaison Ellie Berlin (EB), Library Director Andrew Farber, Library Staff Assistant Janet Regan (JR), and Head of Reference Paul Doherty (PD). Town of Mamaroneck Liaison Sabrina Fiddelman (LSF) was not present.

Library Board Chair LG called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm.

Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes for the 9/10/25 Library Board Meeting

Board

LG welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Friends

EB reported that the Friends of the Larchmont Public Library have been running many programs, with more to come. She also reported that the Friends received another donation of \$100,000.

The Friends will be hosting a cocktail party for the Grand Reopening of the newly renovated Village Center and to introduce AF as the current director of the Larchmont Public Library to the community.

Committee Reports

Finance

Schedule of Bill: The Board unanimously approved the schedule of bills and the additional list of bills dated 10/8/25.

Centennial

JB updated the board on the centennial planning. Liam Hegarty will update the Library's history, which is currently available as a print book or eBook on Libby. Auriyanna Melendez is creating several special centennial logos for the community to vote on, which will be used in 2026. The website will be updated with a centennial landing page, and the programming for the year has been mostly planned.

Facilities

Atlantic Westchester will be switching the Library's HVAC to winter mode and will replace the filters.

The Children's elevator has a broken call button, Otis ordered a replacement part.

The retrofitted elevator has not been operating properly. Otis has repaired the issue. Sewage is backing up into the mechanical room. We are having the plumbers come to scope the pipe and determine the cause of the issue.

Resolutions

CS made a motion to close out HVAC roof projects and reallocate the funds as follows.

\$200,000 to be transferred to the Library Fund Balance, and \$183,240.72 to be transferred to the Library maintenance program project. GLB seconded the motion.

GLB made a motion to accept the annual WLS SLA in the amount of \$90,590.50. BL seconded the motion.

BF made a motion to declare the asbestos removal an emergency repair. JB seconded the motion.

CS made a motion to accept Hudson Valley AV's proposal to upgrade the AV system in the Village Center in the amount of \$35,304. BL seconded the motion.

Directors Report

AF reminded the Library Board that annual trainings are due, and to please send him certificates of completion for documentation.

AF followed up on the RW250 programs that had been mentioned at the September board meeting. No form is located on RW250's website.

AF will ask the friends to pay for the following items: new chairs for the children's room, the asbestos removal, and funding to complete the Village Center renovations. He noted that Beth Besisle did an excellent job with the Village Center's new design and noted that she isn't charging for her services

The library of things is almost ready to start being circulated. The Library will be using lending key as the reservation software.

AF has started working on the 2026-2027 budge, and has been warned that the health insurance may be going up substantially. The Village Treasurer said it could be increasing by 10% for 26 & 27 each.

AF attended WLS' annual budget hearing and noted that they are concerned about budget cuts from NYS and Westchester County. They are expecting a cut of 5% from NYS and the county which would allow them to maintain levels of service. They have also planned 10%, 15% and 20% contingency budgets, which would require them to reduce deliveries of books from library to library. Cuts to e-content are also possible.

The Library has a new volunteer, a retired librarian who will offer Notary Public services twice a month on Tuesdays.

LG updated the board on the solar panels, and is waiting to hear back from the Village's consultant.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17. The next scheduled board meeting will be on 11/12/25 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Farber

Library Director