

**Roeliff Jansen Community Library
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
June 16th, 2026**

Present:

Eileen Aherne
Chris Atkins
Marian Dodds – Secretary
Beth Gordon
Betsy Myers – Vice President
Ronnie McTiernan
Lynne Perrella
Pat Placona – President
Steve Smith
Joan Wallstein
Meg Wormley – Treasurer

Absent:

Marilyn Gross

Also Present:

Tammy Gaskell – Library Director

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Pat Placona.

Welcome - new Board Member, Lynne Perrella, followed by introductions of each person present

Review and Approval of Minutes

- Betsy Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris Atkins seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Meg Wormley gave the treasurer's report for May 2026.

- Meg highlighted Hudson River Bank and Trust Foundation for a grant of \$11,000
- Deposit paid on blinds for Community Room and pavilion
- Betsy Myers made a motion to approve the warrant report. Steve Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Director's Report

Tammy Gaskell presented the director's report

- **New Staff**
 - Michael Nouri – children's/youth services – starts regular hours June 20
 - Celia Contelmo – Program Manager – starts June 23
 - Tammy extended a big "Thank you" to Fran Colombo, Robin Gottlieb, and Tia Maggio for extra hours and flexibility while short staffed in May and June.

- **Pavilion**

- Various finishing tasks continue to be completed.
- EJS – discussion regarding details of bill and approval of payment when all work is completed. Motion to approve payment was made by Steve Smith. Joan Wallstein seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Many thanks to Jim Germaine for assembling furniture, removal of raised bed, and repair of picnic table.

- **Grants** – Tammy highlighted Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation grant of \$25,000 program support and \$11,000 from Hudson River Bank and Trust Fund for general support.

Friend's of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library Report

Ronnie McTiernan stated that there was no specific report from the Friends. She indicated that there are 28 members, and that they are seeking a Treasurer. Ronnie also noted that the matter of managing the contents of the basement continues. Eileen Aherne volunteered to help with this.

Committee Reports

Nominating – Marian Dodds -no report - Welcome to new board member, Lynne Perrella!

Development – Betsy Myers gave the Development Committee report.

- Party at the Pavilion
 - Auction – about 48 silent auction items and 10 for live auction
 - Tickets – 42 host tickets, 85 regular tickets
 - \$15,000 match
 - Promotions – posters, email blast, town newsletters
 - Food, beverages, and desserts - all set
 - Wine Grab – led by Beth Gordon – Donations continue. Hoping for 100 bottles yielding \$2000 toward the library
 - Tents – arrive July 9th – Friday & Saturday volunteer to set up

Human Relations Committee – Steve Smith gave the HR Committee report

- Welcome two new employees – as noted in Director's Report
- Ancram 414 – discussed timeliness of doing the 414 now, and factors of last year's results.
 - Petitions – six pages of signed petitions – thanks to Amy Gold, Bonnie Hundt, Jane Plasman, and Lynne Perrella
 - Ballot Question for approval – Steve Smith reads the ballot question and makes a motion to approve. Chris Atkins seconded the motion. Motion is approved by unanimous vote in favor.

Buildings and Grounds – Beth Gordon gave the Buildings and Grounds Committee report.

- Pavilion
 - Rain gutters - installed and paid
 - Landscaping – graded and seeded
- Fencing – around generator and tank
 - Quote from North Breeze Fence, \$6,000 – Chris Atkins makes a motion to approve the payment. Steve Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor
- Spraying for mosquitos & ticks – Monday before Party at the Pavilion
- Pruning and weeding to be done by Nick LaPorta – various locations mentioned

Old Business

- Roof – Bill from J. Elsoffer - \$21,600 (west end - \$11,800, skylights and dormers, skylights and dormers - \$9,800).
 - Following discussion, Pat Placona made a motion to approve partial payment of \$11,800 at this time. Lynne Perrella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

New Business

none

Chris Atkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beth Gordon seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Marian Dodds, Secretary