

**Roeliff Jansen Community Library
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
July 21st, 2026**

Present:

Eileen Aherne
Chris Atkins
Marian Dodds – Secretary
Marilyn Gross
Ronnie McTiernan
Lynne Perrella
Pat Placona – President
Joan Wallstein
Meg Wormley – Treasurer

Absent:

Beth Gordon
Betsy Myers – Vice President
Steve Smith
Tamara Gaskell - Director

Also Present:

Joyce Crow – Friends Group

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Pat Placona.

Review and Approval of Minutes

- Joan Wallstein made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Eileen Aherne seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Meg Wormley gave the Treasurer's Report for June 2026 and the Mid-Year Analysis.

- Meg indicated that Library finances are in good shape, with gratitude for grants received from the Rheinstrom Foundation, the Children's Foundation of Columbia County, as well as individual contributions (Annual Appeal, National Library Week, Party/Gala income)
- Chris Atkins made a motion to approve the warrant report. Pat Placona seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Director's Report

Tammy Gaskell emailed the Director's Report and was not present at the meeting.

- Pat Placona led discussion regarding the Director's Association of the Mid-Hudson Library System's approval of a new Free Direct Access Plan. This plan must be approved by member library boards prior to submission to the MHLS Board. Joan Wallstein made a motion to approve the MHLS new Free Direct Access Plan. Meg Wormley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Friend's of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library Report

Joyce Craw gave the Friend's report.

- Joyce cited very high patronage at the Bookshop and occasions of substantially generous book donations with subsequent generous income from sale of these donated books.
- Big "Thank you" to Eileen Aherne for moving things out of the basement and finding places to donate the removed items.
- Ellen Winner plans to have table for promoting the Friends at Farmer's Market on August 8
- Inquiry about water in the basement – Joyce reported there is no water is on the floor, the thermostat works, and faucets were changed. There is a "box" that still appears to be leaking.
- Signage – previously planned purchase did not work out. New ideas are being suggested.

Committee Reports

Nominating – Marian Dodds -no report

Development – Marilyn Gross gave the Development Committee report.

- Party at the Pavilion – preliminary results
 - Positive feedback – good time, went well
 - 323 tickets sold (303 advance sales and 20 at the door)
 - 85% of people who purchased advance sale tickets attended the event
 - Estimated expenses around \$26,000
 - Preliminary income \$114,680
 - Plan to send thank you letters to volunteers for parking, registration, and Sheriff's Department for traffic assistance
 - Betsy will be emailing for further feedback
 - Pat Placona thanked all who worked so hard on the party

Old Business

- Roof – Final Bill from J. Elsoffer - \$9,800
 - Following discussion, Chris Atkins made a motion to approve payment of \$9800 to J. Elsoffer. Ronnie McTiernan seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Consultant Warren Temple Smith – bill for \$2960 (March 2025–2026)
 - Marylin Gross made a motion to approve payment to Warren T. Smith for \$2960. Eileen Aherne seconded the motion. All were in favor.

New Business

None

Chris Atkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eileen Aherne seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Marian Dodds, Secretary