

Minutes for Southworth Library Board Meeting March 11, 2026

The Minutes for the Board of Trustees meeting

- o Michael Lane, President
- o Randall Stewart, Vice President
- o Brenda Carpenter
- o Clint Brooks
- o Charles Dardia
- o Laura Lusk – Library Director
- o Allison Payne- Senior Librarian and Bookkeeper
- o Cheryl Button
- o Laura Daly

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Paul Streeter and Bambi Avery excused.

Privilege of the floor for the public- Laura Daly and Cheryl Button present.

Laura Daly excused at 6:08pm

Motion to approve minutes of the January 14th meeting, with edit, by Clint Brooks, second by Randall Stewart. Unanimous vote.

Monthly financial reports and bequest (Allison Payne)

Director's Report at 6:20pm, including NYS Annual Report. Beautification grant submitted, Board does not want foundation plantings again. Suggestion of reviewing our policy with Bailey insurance, Bambi Avery can be in contact. Conflict of Interest statements distributed and received.

Discussion about the 250th anniversary of the Declaration continues. Some ideas are to read and record the Declaration or possibly close Library Street and have it read on the library steps.

7:05pm Allison Payne excused.

Report on 8 Library Street

Discussion on honoring Mary Ellen Rumsey by dedicating the Reading Room or Board Room to her with a plaque. Clint Brooks made the motion, Michael Lane seconded it, with a unanimous vote. Randall Stewart will lead this project.

Discussion on replacing the chairs in the Biography Room by Brenda Carpenter. Mr. Brooks suggests we order one to test before a whole set. Tabling this discussion until Paul Streeter and Bambi Avery are present.

Committee Reports at 7:35 pm

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- 1) Operations: Employee Handbook changes discussed at Operations Meeting March 6th. Laura will send changes. Updating Senior Librarian job description discussed.
- 2) Building & Grounds: snow removal discussion. Dan Mulligan \$70 each to plow and shovel.

Next meeting date set for May 13th.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Clint Brooks, second by Charles Dardia. Unanimous vote at 8pm. Laura Lusk excused.

Executive session ended and meeting adjourned, motion by Clint Brooks, second by Charles Dardia.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:20pm

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