

The Southworth Library Association
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 29, 2026

Members Present: President Michael Lane, Vice President Randy Stewart, Treasurer Paul Streeter, Secretary Bambi Avery, Clint Brooks, Charles Dardia, Brenda Carpenter

Staff: Director Laura Lusk, Senior Librarian & Treasurer Allison Payne

Call to order at 6:00 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor – no public present.

Approval of the minutes of May 13, 2026, was moved by P Streeter, seconded by C Dardia, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Reports – A Payne presented the year-to-date income and expense budget reports. Funds have been received from the NYS Construction Grant, as well as \$3,000 from Assemblywoman A Kelles and \$2,000 from Senator Webb.

P Streeter noted the library is in very good financial shape. A partial distribution of the Schwoerer estate has been received and that, as well as the balance when received, will be moved to Cornell Pochilly. Tompkins Financial Advisors needs a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to execute a Waiver of Citation, and Final Receipt, Release and Refunding Agreement. On motion of R Stewart, and seconded by C Brooks, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

WHEREAS, through the exemplary generosity of Beatrice Schwoerer, the Southworth Library Association is one of the beneficiaries under her estate and trusts; and

WHEREAS, Tompkins Financial Advisors, as her Executor and Trustee, is prepared to close out the Beatrice Schwoerer estate and trusts and to distribute their assets to the named beneficiaries thereof; and

WHEREAS, Tompkins Financial Advisors has rendered accounts of its proceeding, copies of which have been received by the Association and have been reviewed by its officers; and

WHEREAS, prior to final distribution to the Association, Tompkins Financial Advisors has requested that the Association execute a "Waiver of Citation, and Final Receipt, Release and Refunding Agreement;"

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of The Southworth Library Association be, and hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver the Waiver of Citation, and Final Receipt, Release and Refunding Agreement proposed by Tompkins Financial Advisors, as Executor and Trustee of Beatrice Schwoerer, deceased.

Director's Report – L Lusk shared and reviewed her director's report and circulation statistics. Today was a very busy day with 90 attendees at Wednesday Wildlife. Circulation and patron numbers are high. Summer Reading is proceeding with 365 signed up to date having read 2,797 hours. People are excited about the program and prizes. A comment was made during discussion that the Dryden Center for Community and the library complement each other's programming.

8 Library Street – The porch has been repaired and a quote secured for pointing up the foundation. There is a local resident that may donate that service. (A thank you card is sent to those providing in kind services.)

Mary Ellen Rumsey plaque – The plaque has been received, and a dedication of the room will be scheduled for the September meeting.

Board room chairs – By resolution moved by C Dardia, seconded by P Streeter, and unanimously carried, the board approved the purchase of 10 new chairs for the board room. B Carpenter will see if there is a market for sale of the current chairs.

Committee Reports –

Operations Committee – L Lusk, C Brooks and P Streeter will meet with Kathy for a midway review.

There has been discussion about establishing a pay scale.

Finance – Has been covered.

Building & Grounds –

Ninety percent of our award from State Aid for Libraries has been received. The final report has been submitted and when it is accepted, they will send the final payment.

Tri County has performed spring maintenance on the HVAC system. The system is working fine.

Service by Sweeney's Pest Control has been paused.

Yacavone has been doing a pretty good job on landscaping. He prepared the site for the shed at a reasonable expense, and the shed has been delivered.

A 15000 BTU ac unit that will fit our window cannot be located. A new 12000 BTU will be purchased.

There have been two water leaks. The first was in the ceiling of the children's area. Evans came and discovered the leak was caused by water getting behind the rubber membrane. The source was located and repaired. Bruno will check for any insulation that needs to be replaced. The second leak was in the mechanical room and seemed to be coming in around the vent pipe for the boiler. Bruno will send someone to take a look at it.

Finance Committee – Recent large donations have been received. Those will be deposited into the operating account and may be moved to the investment account after review.

It was noted that the library should have a policy for preserving collections.

On motion of C Brooks, seconded by P Streeter, and unanimously approved, the board moved to executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals.

The board moved back to regular session at 8:05 p.m. and set the date for the next meeting for September 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a dedication of the meeting room and family of Mary Ellen Rumsey will be invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.