

Present: Philip A. Bean, Elizabeth Ellis, Evon M. Ervin, Julia Fernandez, Raina Goldbas, Gabriel Hage, Diana L. Koury, Darlene Mack-Brown, Linda T. Madore, F.X. Matt III, Dominic R. Passalacqua, Jordan Peters, Helen S. Schwartz, Carol W. Steele, Nathan Jochum, Heidi McManus and Sara Billman

Conflict of Interest Review

There were no conflicts of interest.

Minutes

Approval of the 3/19/2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

On motion of Phil Bean and seconded by Dom Passalacqua the 3/19/2026 Board Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Long Range Plan: The committee has begun the process of scheduling time for staff input and has also identified potential community stakeholders and will be reaching out to them to participate in the process.
- Jonathan Lin Branding Project: no updates.

April 2026 Director's Report

Nathan reviewed some of his activities during the last month.

- Nathan and staff completed the 2025 NYS Annual Report and submitted it to Mid York.
- Attended April's Chamber after Dark, also joined the Chamber's Small Business, Economic Development, and Publicity & Events Council
- Nathan will be participating in the History Center Telethon
- Nathan requested approval of the Roger G. & Phyllis A. Haley Fund distribution through the Community Foundation for the purchase of additional e-content.

On motion of Helen Schwartz and seconded by Darlene Mack-Brown the use of the Haley Fund for e-content was unanimously approved.

April 2026 Financial Report

Diana Koury reviewed the April 2026 Budget Report with March 2026 data.

- Income is up \$11,000 due to the annual fund
- Expenses are up \$80,000 due to a three pay month with salaries.
- Ending cash balance is \$727,056
- Investments are down \$119,000 with a month end value of \$2,231,565

On motion of Dom Passalacqua and seconded by Gabe Hage the April 2026 Budget Reports were approved.

Diana reviewed the March 2026 disbursements and confirmed that all expenses \$500 and over were approved by two Board Officers prior to payment. Payroll and utilities expenses do not require prior approval.

On motion of Gabe Hage and seconded by F.X. Matt III the March 2026 disbursements were approved.

Governance Committee

On recommendation of the Governance Committee the board of trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Anthony Brindisi as a trustee. Anthony will be serving the final two years of a former trustee's term through May 2028, at which point he would then begin his first full three year term.

New Business

- The Development Committee is working on planning a meet and greet event for Nathan, which will be scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th.
- First Source Federal Credit Union will once again be sponsoring The Library's Parks and Museum Passes. The sponsorship cost went up from \$1,000 to \$1,500 this year, which Nathan was able to successfully secure.
- Nathan, Julia, Evon and Darlene spoke about a community event they attended at MVCC. Evon encouraged trustees to get out in the community and represent the library and asked that going forward upcoming community events be listed on the monthly board meeting agenda.
- The Library was featured in the NYLA Weekly Newsletter for the rare books story by the Rome Sentinel
- Nathan and staff are working on implementing security services at the library. This involves updating the duties of the guard.
- Darlene Mack-Brown notified the trustees of an upcoming event for MVCAA on May 6, which is being held to welcome their incoming director and current UPL trustee, Evon Ervin. Darlene also addressed the board and thanked the trustees for their support and well wishes during a recent difficult time.
- Next month's is the board's Annual Meeting, directly followed by the monthly board meeting. The Annual Meeting will serve to approve the new slate of officers.
- Nathan notified trustees that he intends to schedule a staff development day in the fall of this year. This would require the library to be closed to the public for the day. He will come to the board for approval once an official date has been decided on.

On motion of Dom Passalacqua and seconded by Julia Fernandez the trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21st @ 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Billman