

Clifton Springs Library Minutes

November 2025

President Bill Hunter

Vice President Natalie Santy

Secretary Lisa Maslyn

Board members Karilyn Valesko-Foster, Linda Rider, Grace Groot, Darolyn Fischer, Laura Janas. Not present: Treasurer Bob Woodhouse, Jane Hahn.

The roll call was taken at 4:30pm.

The Secretary's report was reviewed and no changes were found; Laura Janas moved to accept as written and Darilyn Fischer seconded, all vote aye.

The Treasurer was absent and two reports will be reviewed in January,

The Director went over his report, including the good turn out and result for the Silent Auction. Foot traffic was somewhat lighter but the bidding was brisk and the event made \$4400.00.

He made a facilities report noting electric service to the meeting room is not adequate, so Phil is looking into a company to install or repair the electric system to make that room suitable for an upgrade. Programs such as the cooking demos need more power to be safe. All the light fixtures need to be converted to LED which is now the standard and saves on utility bills. This expense might be covered by a grant through the NYS Construction program or possibly the Lisk Morris Foundation.

Phil will also include an analysis of the blinds which are battery operated and remote controlled (20 ft above our heads). A board member asked if they could be converted to hard wiring and Phil will check. The president urged that we get it right to bring the service up to current code.

Old Business:

Budget – salary increases include more than minimum for clerks, as everyone is worth it. Including Jim, Elizabeth and Donna. They are doing outreach well. Added more for NYSEG which is predicted to have a 20% uptick in cost.

The provider of the popular chair yoga program requested an additional \$60 per week, which seems fair considering the fact they have not increased costs in two years, so the director added \$1000 to the budget line.

K&D disposal has been good but their billing was mishandled by them so we had to add additional cost there.

The 2026 budget was presented and Lisa Maslyn moved and Laura Janas seconded to approve the 2026 budget as written.

All vote AYE to pass the budget.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the board member terms and officer terms.

Expiring terms are Laura, Bill, Linda and Karilynn. Bill is not going to remain on the board, which he has enjoyed but has too much going on. The rest are staying on.

Discussion was held on the need for filling spots on the board, one person was suggested but she has deflected and will be donating her time as a volunteer. All are urged to keep looking for suitable choices.

In light of the opening for President, Karilyn Valesko-Foster was nominated by Natalie and accepted, but on checking her schedule for her college program found she would not be available until the semester ends in June. Bill Hunter spoke up and volunteered to stay on until then as a Board member and as President.

Lisa nominated Laura Janas as VP and she accepts. Lisa declined to serve as Secretary due to responsibilities on another board, and Karilyn nominated Natalie Santy as Secretary and she accepts. Bob Woodhouse was nominated and voted in as Treasurer.

All 2026 dates were discussed and approved as submitted by the Director, including holidays and meeting dates.

In the past the library held a Warfields Community Dinner in March, the Director will check with the restaurant to see if this would be feasible.

Director updated the board on the Fund drive noting four additional donations had arrived as well as the Lisk Morris Foundation annual grant.

Adjourned at 5:15PM.