

# **The Friends of the Glen Cove Public Library**

## **January 14, 2026**

Present: President Gail Carlin, Secretary Barbara Cohen, Treasurer Barbara La Motta, Members-at-Large Irene Abrams, Ronald Bieber, Betty Cammisa, Bertha Kowalski, Debra Marrone, Maria Porcaro, Antonia Petrash, Librarians Marissa Damiano, Amy Mondello and Carol Stern

The meeting was called to order at 11:03.

We welcomed two new members: Irene Abrams, whose birthday is in October, and Betty Cammisa, with a birthday in May.

We had no January birthdays.

Minutes: The December minutes were accepted as corrected. Gail Carlin noted that \$2027 was not a dividend, but was the proceeds from the book sale. And Amy Mondello said today's meeting was not for 11-12 a.m. but for 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Treasurer's report: Barbara LaMotta reported we received \$105 in membership donations. Our treasury balance is now \$11,394.35.

Library Director's report: None.

Board of Trustees report: None. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:45.

President's report: Gail distributed a review of last year's activities (A Year in Review – 2025) then a plan for this year (Goals for 2026), in which more evening meetings were suggested.

Bryce Mack, our Vice President, has a new job in the City which prevents him from attending daytime meetings. In addition to suggesting evening meetings, he also suggested we meet on Zoom, an idea we will explore. It was noted that an Owl 360 can be bought for about \$1000. A second suggestion was for us to post the minutes on the Library website. That will be done. Marissa Damiano suggested we launch a Facebook page and will follow up with Gail and Maria Porcaro.

Another suggested goal was participation in the Farmer's Market. Gail will follow up on that idea.

Organizing another book sale was also suggested. The big question is whether it should be held inside or outside. If the latter, we would need a tent. Another question is the length of the sale. These issues will be decided at our next meeting.

A tentative schedule for the year was distributed. There will be evening meetings in March and May, not July or September. Trivia Night is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>. There will

be a lobster truck. We chose October 28<sup>th</sup> as the date for the Open House and changed the suggested time for the holiday get-together from 12-1:30 to 11:30-1:30. We still need a date for Senior Appreciation Day. There will be an in-person Author Book Discussion and Reception on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Marissa announced a Family Trivia event on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:15.

Old Business: The Library Caroling Event (December 19<sup>th</sup>) was lively and appreciated, and the weather cooperated. This year it will take place on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:15. The Friends will provide refreshments.

New Business: Committees (Budget/Finance, PR/Marketing, Fund-Raising and Book Sale) will be formed at our next meeting.

The Library would like us to contribute to the purchase of museum passes, as we have done in the past. The Nassau County Museum of Art and the Children's Museum are the most popular destinations. Passes are free for Library members, but the Library has to pay for them, and they want the Friends to contribute. Most expensive is the pass to the Children's Museum (\$4500), then MOMA (\$1500), the Nassau County Museum of Art (\$1000) and Planting Fields (\$800). The Cradle of Aviation is only \$80. We will check our past donations before we make a decision.

Carol Stern said we should reconsider free our free movie passes, looking at attendance numbers and cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06. Our next meeting will take place Wednesday, February 11th, from 11-12 noon.

Barbara Cohen, Secretary