

The Friends of the Glen Cove Public Library

February 11, 2026

Present: President Gail Carlin, Secretary Barbara Cohen, Treasurer Barbara La Motta, Members-at-Large Irene Abrams, Ronald Bieber, Betty Cammisa, Patricia Kelter, Bob Koehler, Francine Koehler, Debra Marrone, Mercedes Morales, Maria Porcaro, Librarians Marissa Damiano, Amy Mondello and Carol Stern

The meeting was called to order at 11:05.

We sang happy birthday to Bob Koehler.

Maria Porcaro took several pictures of the group for inclusion on Instagram and Facebook.

Minutes: The January minutes were accepted as corrected. Trivia Night will take place June 9th, and the Family Trivia event on April 10th. In paragraph 9, l. 2, “go” should be “to” and in the next to last paragraph on page 2 the first “free” should be eliminated.

It was also noted that on the Tentative Schedule the November 12th meeting occurs on a Thursday not Wednesday.

Treasurer’s report: Barbara LaMotta reported our current treasury balance is \$11,940.93. Eight hundred and fifty dollars were deposited this month, including \$630 in checks, \$135 cash and \$50 from the sale of cards. (This does not account for \$35.)

Library Director’s report: Carol Stern reported that she has gotten an author for the open house, Nona Footz, a local woman who wrote a book about Alice DeLamar, whose family had an estate on Pembroke (Glen Cove). She will appear at 6:45.

Other items: the seed library is open. There are new yellow lines in the parking lot. Long Island Reads takes place April 26 at 2:00, North Shore Reads, an offshoot of Long Island Reads, on May 12 at 6:45. Tax assistance is available at our library.

Board of Trustees report: Gail Carlin attended the most recent meeting and gave a report on the goals and accomplishments of the Friends during the last year.

President’s report/Old Business: The Planning Committee, consisting of Gail, Barbara Cohen, and Bryce Mack, met. Many of the items discussed at that meeting were further discussed at this one. (See paragraphs below.) Gail reported we have 66 new members so far this year. (This number is disputed.) Minutes of Friends meetings will be posted on the library website. Maria Porcaro, Marissa Damiano, and Gail have set us up on Instagram and will do so with Facebook as well.

Book sale: The book sale will take place at the end of September primarily on the main floor of the library but with one table outside. Dates and times will be September 24, 5-7 (reception and sale of books), September 25 (10-4) and September 26 (10-4). Donations

will be accepted on September 19 from 10-4 and September 21 also from 10-4. Marissa will get high school volunteers to help with heavy lifting and moving. We will ask that no textbooks or moldy books be donated. Refreshments will be available, and we will display a big proud Friends banner.

We formed a Budget/Finance Committee consisting of Gail, Barbara LaMotta, Debra Marrone and Barbara Cohen. Our budget year starts January 1st, and because we are a 501(c)3 organization, we will have to file an annual report with the IRS.

Scholarship: We resurrected the question of awarding an annual scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Feelings ran high for and against. We made no decision and will discuss the issue again at our next meeting.

Plant sale: We decided to hold a plant sale on May 2nd from 10-8 on the main floor of the library and will put an announcement in the Newsletter to that effect. We can buy leftovers from a plant sale at Hicks Nursery, repot them if necessary and sell them for a dollar more than we paid. Also, Gail and her husband will contribute plants from their basement nursery, and Maria Porcaro offered to make balloons to add to the display.

Movie: At the Planning Committee meeting we decided to offer one movie. At this meeting we agreed to sell water but not popcorn, as the latter can make a big mess.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25. Our next meeting will take place Wednesday, March 11th from 11-12 noon.

Barbara Cohen, Secretary