

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

## **March 11, 2026**

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

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.

We sang happy birthday to Marissa Damiano and Barbara Cohen.

Minutes: The February minutes were accepted as corrected. The plant sale will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-3 not May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-8. And Carol Cowan not Marissa Damiano will get high school volunteers to help with book sale preparations.

Treasurer's report: Barbara LaMotta reported that \$165 from two donations and a 79 cent credit were added to the treasury since our last meeting. Total in the treasury is now \$12,106.72. We will look into CD rates with the hope of adding a little more to our account.

Library Director's report: Carol Stern reported that National Library Week is April 19-25. *The Doorman* by Chris Pavone has been selected as the book to read. She noted that it is Women's History Month. She also said that volunteers from AARP have been assisting both library members and others who are interested in preparing their tax forms.

We were shown tote bags designed by high school students to be given to library patrons.

Board of Trustees report: The meeting was postponed.

President's report/Old Business: Gail Carlin reported that the most popular museum passes are to the Nassau County Museum of Art, the Long Island Children's Museum and Old Westbury Gardens. We voted to donate \$3000 to the library as a contribution for these passes.

Marissa Damiano said the library shows movies at different times and includes two children's movies. Attendance varies. On April 24<sup>th</sup> Song Sung Blue will be presented at 2 p.m. and on April 12<sup>th</sup> Zootopia will be shown. Popcorn and water will be provided by the Friends (for free).

Two author visits were announced: 1) a book signing and nutrition workshop with Belinda Basaca-Zeitlin on June 20 at 2 p.m. and 2) a meet with Bill Blyer, author of *The Roosevelts in New York City*, on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Deborah Marrone volunteered to help at the Blyer visit. We still need a volunteer(s) at the Basaca-Zeitlin workshop.

Plant sale: The new date for the plant sale is May 8, from 10-3. Gail and her husband have already begun to plant and nurture the geraniums, petunias and tomatoes that we will offer for

sale, among other things. Sale preparations will take place in the Community Room from 1-5 on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 12-4 on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The sale itself will take place in the Community Room. Maria Porcaro will make balloon flowers for the occasion. We'll have volunteers sign up in April. We were encouraged to save pots for growing plants. Carol Stern will develop a logo to stick on the pots, and Marissa Damiano will find out the cost to order the logos.

Family Trivia Nigh will take place April 10<sup>th</sup> and will be based on Stranger Things, a TV series. No reservations required.

After an impassioned discussion, we voted against offering another scholarship to a high school student. Barbara Cohen suggested that we hold a meeting with some of the high school kids who volunteer at the library to discuss how we might further collaborate with Glen Cove students.

Gail reminded us of her determination to establish a free standing library. We have permission to do so at the Glen Cove train station

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon. Our next meeting will take place Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11-12 noon.

Barbara Cohen, Secretary