

The Friends of the Glen Cove Public Library

May 14, 2026

Present: President Gail Carlin, Secretary Barbara Cohen, Treasurer Barbara LaMotta, Members-at-Large Ron Bieber, Bob Koehler, Francine Koehler, Bryce Mack, Debra Marrone, Librarians Marissa Damiano

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes: The April minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's report: Barbara LaMotta reported that there is currently \$8876.04 in the treasury.

Library Director's report: On behalf of the library Marissa Damiano thanked the Friends for the plant sale. She announced there will be a budget vote on June 2nd.

Board of Trustees report: Dave Nieri is running unopposed for a seat as trustee on the Board and will appear at a Meet the Candidate meeting on May 19th. The election will be held on June 2nd, when the budget will be voted on as well.

Old Business: 1) The plant sale, with balloons by Maria Porcaro and the efforts of our volunteers and the librarians, was a success. We took in \$449. Two trays of plants were donated by a landscaper. Next year we will ask landscapers for donations. We will also look at getting seeds. 2) We provided refreshments at a recent movie day. That probably did not increase the attendance. That said, we will provide refreshments at the May 27th movie, the Housemaid (6 p.m.). 3) Author Belinda Basaca-Zeitlin is appearing at the library at 2 p.m. on June 20th. She will be selling books at this time. 4) Marissa Damiano and Gail Carlin went to North Shore Reads on May 12th. There were about 250 people there representing nine libraries. 5) The Gold Coast Library is holding a bingo night raffle for \$20/ticket on May 15th.

New Business: The Youth Services has requested a school supply raffle ticket donation. We approved a \$300 donation.

Upcoming community events: 1) National Night Out will occur on Tuesday, August 4th, from 6-8:30 p.m. 2) The Glen Cove Street Fair will take place on Saturday, September 19th, from 10-5 p.m. 3) Trivia Night, including an America 250 category, will take place Tuesday, June 9th, at 6:45, on the lawn. It will include a raffle, giveaways, and applications for membership in the Friends.

Spontaneous additions: Bryce Mack a) suggested we get a year's meeting schedule; b) suggested that we meet and collaborate with Friends from other libraries; c) asked if we had plans to participate in the Memorial Day parade (We don't.); d) wondered if we should participate in the bicycle parade on July 4th. We will discuss this at our June

meeting, though we are NOT going to be riding bicycles. Considerations might include things like having a table, giving out books, coloring books or and/or coloring sheets. We could put stickers on these things as well. Debra will look into these possibilities. We could devote up to \$200 for expenses. Decisions were tabled until the June meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 10th, from **11:30 to 12:30**.
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING TIME.

Barbara Cohen

Secretary