

The Friends of the Glen Cove Public Library

August 12, 2026

Present: President Gail Carlin, Secretary Barbara Cohen, Treasurer Barbara LaMotta, Members-at-Large Irene Abrams, Ron Bieber, Bob Koehler, Francine Koehler, 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 11:08 a.m.

We sang happy birthday to Ron Bieber and Francine Koehler.

Minutes: The July minutes had one correction: “Sal” should be “Saul.” The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer’s report: Barbara LaMotta reported there is currently \$9484.14 in the treasury, including \$100 from Richard Rubin, Carol Rubin’s son.

Library Director’s Report: Irene Abrams volunteered to help at an author’s visit on September 18th. Antonia Petrash volunteered for an author’s visit on October 24th.

Board of Directors Report: None.

Old Business: 1) Many people volunteered at National Night Out on August 4th. They all were thanked. 2) Author Bill Bleyer visited on August 2nd. Sixty dollars worth of books were sold. 3) We considered whether we should sponsor a trip to a Broadway show. The Friends are already hosting bus trips. Carol Stern said we can’t get tickets yet. The box office will let her know when we can. Tickets are around \$60 for some orchestra seats. We could make the trip a fund-raiser for the Friends. It was suggested we should do it in January. We will give it a try for a year. Marissa will put a note in the Bulletin to that effect. 4) Here are the book sale dates: Donations 9/19 (10-4) and 9/21 (10-8), set-up 9/23 (basement), reception 9/24 (5-7), sale 9/25 (10-4) and 9/26 (10-4). Clean-up will be 9/28 from 9-12. We will ask Carol Cowan to get some teens to help on the 26th from 4-5. People should start saving books with covers. 5) Barbara Cohen will send a list of Friends to the active Friends.

We will hold an open house on October 28th. Larry Martone will provide the music. We will host a City of Glen Cove Trivia game. Trivia questions should be sent to Marissa. Trick or treat, story time, a book room tour and a membership drive will also take place. Books left over from the book sale can be used as prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55. Our next meeting will take place Wednesday, September 9th from 11-12.

Barbara Cohen, Secretary