

The Friends of the Glen Cove Public Library

August 13, 2025

Present: President Gail Carlin, Secretary Barbara Cohen, Treasurer Barbara La Motta, Members-at-Large Ron Bieber, Charles Farone, Patricia Kelter, Bob Koehler, Fran Koehler, Bertha Kowalski, Bryce Mack, Debra Marrone, Mercedes Morales, Maria Porcaro, Librarians Marissa Damiano and Amy Mondellol

The meeting was called to order at 11:02.

Ron Bieber and Fran Koehler were wished a happy birthday on the occasion of their August birthdays.

Minutes: The July minutes were accepted as corrected: 1) The June not the May minutes were accepted. 2) Hooked on Books took place in July not June. 3) National Night Out took place in front of the Police Station, not the library.

Bryce Mack suggested that the Friends' minutes be posted on the website. He also suggested later meetings so people with day jobs can attend. We already do have some evening dates (e.g., the October meeting, from 7-8) and may do more.

Treasurer's report: Barbara LaMotta reported that we have \$13,605.94 in the treasury, including \$15 donated prior to the meeting, \$10 at the meeting and \$2.44 in interest. \$570 was spent on youth supplies.

Library Director's report: Marissa Damiano reported that Library Director Cabo thanks the Friends for representing the library at National Night Out. She also said that the Library will pay for the plaque honoring Carol Rubin.

Board of Trustees report: The new member of the Board of Trustees is Joanne Yee. She also has become the new secretary.

President's message/Old Business: 1) Gail Carlin reported that the Carol Rubin tree plaque has been ordered. The Rubin family has given us two possible dates for a placing of the plaque and reception, September 15 and October 11. 2) The nine members of the Friends who participated in National Night out were thanked. The purpose of the event was name recognition for the library.

The Glen Cove Street Fair will take place on September 13th from 10-4. Bryce Mack suggested several means of attracting attention to our table, e.g., a spinning wheel, bags with goodies and T shirts. Marissa suggested a bubble machine. Debra Marrone will get the price for 25 T shirts for staff and volunteers. We will have a small cart of books for the taking and book lights as prizes, e.g., for a raffle and/or for new members. Maria Porcaro offered one of her painted rocks as a prize as well. At our September meeting we will have a sign-up sheet for the fair. It was suggested we have scripts for events like this.

Amy Mondello announced that the library is collaborating with the Sons of Italy in an Italian American celebration that will feature a concert, book signing by three authors and refreshments. At our next meeting we can volunteer to collect money from the sale of the books (please).

Here is the schedule of our book sale: collection dates are 9/20 from 9-5, 9/22 from 9-9, and 9/23 from 9-9. Friends are invited to help out on collection dates whenever we can, but we must be present at all hours on sale dates, which are 9/25 (reception, from 5-7), 9/26 from 11-4 and 9/27 from 11-4. There will be a clean-up Monday, 9/29. The Book Fairies will pick up and distribute our leftover books. We'll have a lobster truck on Friday. We will advertise the sale with signs and flyers, at local libraries and on social media. At our next meeting we will write a list of instructions for the volunteers, including pricing and handling of the money.

Marissa said that the Open House will take place on October 29th from 4-8 and will include Marsha Silverman's band, singers, authors, crafts, refreshments and a raffle. All the library departments will be represented. She also announced that the Cookbook club will meet on Saturday, October 25. The participants will make recipes from Frank Pellegrino's Rao's Cookbook. Registration is now open.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58. Our next meeting will take place Wednesday, September 10th, from 11-12.

Barbara Cohen

Secretary