

The Friends of the Glen Cove Public Library

September 10, 2025

Present: President Gail Carlin, Vice President Charles Faraone, Secretary Barbara Cohen, Treasurer Barbara La Motta, Members-at-Large Sherry Jagels, Patricia Kelter, Bertha Kowalski, Debra Marrone, Mercedes Morales, Maria Porcaro, Librarians Marissa Damiano and Amy Mondello

The meeting was called to order at 11:02.

Patricia Kelter and Maria Porcaro were wished a happy birthday on the occasion of their September birthdays.

Minutes: The August minutes were accepted as corrected: 1) Corrections: Charles FarAone not Farone, and no gratuitous “1” at the end of Mondello. 2) Changes since the September meeting: the Cookbook Club has canceled its scheduled meeting on October 25th, and there will be two, not three, authors at the Italian American celebration.

Treasurer’s report: Barbara LaMotta reported that we have \$14,476.01 in the treasury, including a \$500 donation in support of Carol Stern and \$4.88 in interest. Three hundred twelve dollars and 82 cents were spent on youth supplies. Charles Faraone wondered whether we might put some of our money in a money market account.

Library Director’s report: ?

Board of Trustees report: None. A card will be sent to Toni Petrash, who is recovering from surgery.

President’s message/Old Business: The Glen Cove Street Fair will take place September 13th from 10-5. We can’t sell anything: we’re just there to make ourselves known and give information. We will have books to take, small water bottles available and a (free) raffle, with the prize a gorgeous painted rock made and donated by Maria Porcaro. Table, tablecloth and chairs will be available to volunteers. Marissa Damiano will make the raffle tickets. Maria will make a “free raffle” sign. Volunteers should meet at the library at 9:30. We haven’t learned yet where we will be positioned on the street.

The Italian American celebration will take place October 4th from 3:45-4:45. Volunteers are needed.

Carol Rubin’s memorial reception will take place on October 11th – date confirmed but not time. It will be a little ceremony and volunteers are not needed. The reception will take place outside unless there is bad weather. The family will be asked if they would like a small or large event.

Donation dates for the book sale are Saturday, September 20th (9-5), Monday, September 22nd and Tuesday, September 23rd from 9-9. Donations should be taken to the circulation desk. Volunteers are not required on donation dates but should be there

at least some of the time. However, 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 lobster truck on Friday is definite. We will advertise the sale with signs and flyers at local libraries and lawns and on social media. A price list was distributed, and it was agreed that at 2:00 on the last day of the sale we will offer all you can fill a bag with for \$1, the point of the sale being to get as many books to readers as possible not just to take in money. Mercedes Morales noted that nothing has been translated into Spanish, and she offered to do so. Charles Faraone made the distinction between trade books, which are essentially pulp fiction, and other soft-covered books. Trade books and other small books will sell for \$1, whereas bigger books will go for \$2, and oversized books for \$5. Gail will take care of the money at the end of the Thursday sale day, Amy or Marissa will do so on Friday, and Saturday Gail will take the money home with her. Gail will pick up boxes for the left-over books.

Debra Marrone showed us a picture of a green shirt with a library logo. We were impressed and agreed she should order 40 of them in forest green, 6 medium, 16 large, 16 extra large and 2 extra extra large.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10. Our next meeting will take place Wednesday, October 8th, from 7-8 p.m. in the History Room.

Barbara Cohen

Secretary