

POWERS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes June 17, 2025

	Status		Status		Status
(22) Mary Owen (MO)	Present	(19) Anna Krieger (AK)	Present	(23) Jerry Germano-Yaw (JG)	Present
(23) Jessica Hess (JH)	Present	(16) Bonnie Thomas (BT)	Present	(24) Scott Powers (SP)	Not Present
(24) Rachel McNabb (RM)	Present	(24) Nik Magill (NM)	Present	(25) Kim Miller (KM)	Present
		Lori Cochran (LC)	Present		

June meeting of the POWERS LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES called to order at 5:30 PM by MO.

May minutes / June agenda: accepted as submitted.

Jeff Allen present as representative of Friends of Powers Library; Colin Cahill present for ML account review.

Public Comments: No other members of the public present.

Treasurer's Report: AK – statements from Cahill, Knobel & Assoc. sent out by email; ML endowment funds, regular account: 5/30/2025 - \$211,234.69, 4/30/2025 - \$211,874.67; managed fund: 5/30/2025 – 524,886.12, 4/30/2025 - \$510,383.37; 5/2/2025 Groton Bank statement balance: \$87,194.08.

- Investment portfolio update with Drew Osborne: Drew presented handout of account overview/history; 4.17% interest earnings on money market fund; portfolio is cash heavy at this time – almost 30% of holdings; KM made the motion to bring cash portion of fund down to recommended 20% of total account, 80% into equities (stocks), JG seconded, motion approved, Drew will make this change strategically according to best practices; AK made the motion to move funds from Groton bank account into money market account, per Colin recommendation for cash flow management, JG seconded, motion approved.

Old Business

- *NY Forward Grant* MO – request for extension of contract submitted; more info to come.
- *Annual Report to the Community-steps for distribution* MO – this year is the earliest publication of report; perhaps distribute to supporters, with invites for 145th anniversary?
- *Bylaws Review:* BT Several sections of old bylaws may or may not be necessary in revised version, items in question handed out, after discussion: Article VIII Indemnification of Trustees and Employees Against Liabilities and Expenses in Action should be kept; Article IX Earnings, Assets, Dissolution and Political Activity should be kept with language change regarding “A. 2. The Association shall not operate for a profit.” Language should not give the impression that a fund balance is not allowed; BT to continue with revision, for approval at July meeting.

New Business

- *Director's Report:* LC Written report for May (attached); TCPL as central library is reassuring member libraries that they are able to provide patron resources, and will be making a handout for distribution; APT award show probably will be scheduled in the fall; Kate Fairweather setting up a scavenger hunt for teens this summer, flyers will be posted around town; Ethel Fuller group is having Cornell Raptor & Friends program on July 10th, library will have a table there; \$10,000 grant received from the Emerson Foundation (unrestricted funds), Seed Library has been seeing high traffic.

- *Friends of Powers Library, Inc.:* JH went to June 23 meeting; Jeff Allen: upcoming events being planned: “date-night” movie on August 7th, VFW is rain location; book sale August 22-23, setup on August 21, current book storage available until October.
- *Committee Reports*
 - *Building & Grounds* MO/SP/JH on committee: MO Leigh McGonagle of Poplar Point Studio has been contacted for NYForward outdoor project; parking lot work and window repair upcoming; water shutoff located; GreenScapes programming MO sent out.
 - *Finance* AK/JG/RM/KM on committee: – No additional report.
 - *Fundraising & Events* JH/JG on committee: Annual campaign in October.
 - *Personnel* AK/MO/SP/NM on committee: No Report.
 - *Services* BT/MO/KM on committee:
 - *Policies for review/approval: Volunteers*
MO made a motion to approve policy, NM seconded – policy approved.
 - *Technology* NM/MO on committee: No Report.
- *AdHoc Committee on Powers Library Anniversary:* LC meeting held on 6/16, discussion regarding invitations, refreshments – cookies & punch; JH suggested using postcard invitations for lower mailing cost.
- *Training Feedback:*None
- *Upcoming Training:*
 - *July 15, 2025 5:00-6:30PM – Trustee Handbook Book Club: Recruiting & Retaining Quality Staff*
- *Misc:* donation letter for Choralaires trip – letter sent to library, MO presented letter, JH explained program and goals for fundraising.

Next Meeting: July 15, 2025, 5:30 PM

Adjournment: 6:53 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Bonnie Thomas

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for May 2025

Highlights for May:

- Meeting spaces were used by: Book Club, Garden Club, Friends of Powers Library, Students and Patrons
- Moravia Central School High School students weeded landscaped areas and dusted, cleaned windows for their Give Back Day on May 19th. Thank you sent.
- Planning for Summer Reading 2025 Color Our World: includes Preschool Hour5 & Toddler Time
- Director vacation May 23-26
- Crowley Glass scheduled to replace window in the work/study room. Alex Cole Paving scheduled to strike new parking lot lines (Dates subject to materials and weather). Water Shut off valve (6/17/2025)
- Library Seed Catalog is receiving lots of use.
- Library Tax Levy Vote passed 5/20/2025 (302 yes, 165 no)

Data:

- New patrons May 2025: 11 May 2024: 15
- Circulation: May 2025: 1622 items May 2024: 1642 items (eContent excluded)
- Received APT Regrant Award: for Guitar Workshop for Moravia Central School Jr/Sr Students. Attended Award Ceremony with Janet Fagal (Co-writer of Grant) and Jerry Yaw on 5/21

Grants:

- NY Forward: Attended zoom meeting with Mary Owen to go over the contract and requirements
- Received \$10,000 unrestricted funds from the Fred L. Emerson Foundation
- Received \$472.00 to support "Read and Explore Backpacks" through Family Literacy Grant.

Events/Upcoming Goals:

- Seek and apply for grants ongoing
- 145th Anniversary Thursday, July 24th from 1pm-4pm (committee meeting June 16th at 6pm)
- New Patron Packets
- Mahjong Wednesdays, 6-7:30-expanding to Game Night TBD
- Staff Trainings at FLLS, via Zoom and In-house
- Meeting with Leigh McGonagle from Poplar Point Studio for NY Forward consultation TBD
- 3 Outdoor Tables (June) Thank you to Scott Powers for the winter storage and assembly
- July 10 (5:30pm-7:30pm) Cornell Raptor Program & Friends at Ethel Fuller Park. Library will have a table, Ann and Lori will participate.