

POWERS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes July 15, 2025

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

July meeting of the POWERS LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES called to order at 5:32 PM by JH.

June minutes / July agenda: accepted as submitted.

No representative of Friends of Powers Library, Inc. or other members of the public present.

Treasurer's Report: AK – statements from Cahill, Knobel & Assoc. sent out by email; ML endowment funds, regular account: 6/30 – \$142,489.51, 5/30/2025 – \$211,234.69; managed fund: 6/30 – \$624,249.35, 5/30/2025 – 524,886.12 (excess cash transferred into managed account after 6/17 meeting); \$40,000 moved from Groton Bank into ML money market to earn interest until needed (per 6/17 meeting), current Groton Bank statement balance: \$31,896.89; JH makes the motion to allow AK to move funds from ML to Groton Bank as money is needed for cash flow, NM seconded the motion, all approved.

Old Business

- *NY Forward Grant* Account created, nothing new to report.
- *Annual Report to the Community-actions on distribution to date* LC – sent to towns & villages; BT – color copy to be printed for anniversary display.
- *Bylaws Review:* BT – Discussion about section on “Subsidiary Organization” and what that means regarding Friends group and insurance certificates for their events, BT will check with Sarah Glogowski and report back to board.

New Business

- *Director's Report:* LC Written report for June (attached); Pre-school and Toddler Time summer session is being conducted in the basement; outside tables are being used quite a bit – might be utilized even more if we get umbrellas for shade.
- *Friends of Powers Library, Inc. Update:* Sarah Crossgrove not in attendance; see Bylaws Review above for “Friends” discussion.

- *Committee Reports*
 - *Building & Grounds* MO/SP/JH on committee: LC – AC leak: Siracusa consulted and stopped initial leak, will be coming back for more permanent repair, and will be asked about fans and thermostat, also recommendations for future cooling in original building (upstairs) and basement.
 - *Finance* AK/JG/RM/KM on committee: – See Treasurer’s report.
 - *Fundraising & Events* JH/JG on committee: No Report.
 - *Personnel* AK/MO/SP/NM on committee: Meeting in August.
 - *Services* BT/MO/KM on committee:
 - *Policies for review/approval: None*
 - *Technology* NM/MO on committee: Meeting in August.
- *AdHoc Committee on Powers Library Anniversary*: LC – invitations sent out; cake from Wegman’s / cookies / punch planned; Historical Society to assist.
- *Training Feedback*: NM attended LGBTQ – interesting – great speaker – more representation seen in library stacks.
- *Upcoming Training*:
 - *Intro to Fundraising Planning Online, 8/5, 11:00am – 12:30pm*
- *August Board Meeting – Hold or cancel?* SP made motion to cancel August board meeting – all approved.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2025, 5:30 PM
 Minutes respectfully submitted by: Bonnie Thomas

Adjournment: 6:15 pm

Powers Library Director's Report
For
June 2025

Highlights for June:

- Meeting spaces were used by: Fiber Arts Club, Book Club, Garden Club and patrons
- Programming for Summer continued. Established Preschool Hour(Tuesdays 10:30) and Toddler Time (Fridays 10:30) and activities for Wednesdays at 4pm
- The Friends of Powers Library held a craft event for Father's Day on June 7th
- Committee Meetings: Tech., Services, Personnel and Bldgs. & Grounds
- Book Drop ordered and received. Mr. Blanchard will be scheduling to install pad in the same location as the old drop.
- Met with some members of the Cayuga-Owasco Lakes Historical Society to obtain information on Powers Library for 145th event
- Outdoor tables are at the library and have been utilized, many compliments have been received since their addition to the library grounds.
- Leigh McGonagle from Poplar Point Studio was contacted to set up a meeting regarding our outdoor space for some time in July.
- 145th Celebration/Open House: Received a Wegmans' gift card for \$65 for sheet cake, invitations and flyers designed by Bonnie Thomas. Will be printed and mailed in the beginning of July.

Data:

- New patrons June 2025: 10 June 2024: 23
- Circulation: June 2025: 1796 items June 2024: 1692 (eContent excluded)
- Continued increase in usage of our computers in addition to our Wi-F

Events/Upcoming Goals:

- Seek and apply for grants ongoing
- Order replacement bench for the Schenk Family (will be identical to the Langtry bench
- ~~Neighbors north of library will be having the dead tamarack tree cut down.~~
- Preschool Hour (SRP) for 3-4 yrs. old meets Tuesdays at 10:30am beginning July 8th
- Toddler Time (SRP) for 1-2 year olds meets Fridays 10:30am
- 145th Celebration/Open House July 24th 1pm-4pm

Lori Cochran, Director