

PATTERSON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 14, 2026

Attendance: S. Rudnicki, T. Roets, L. Dunn, C. Riedesel, B. Kittle, L. Schofield, J. Caruso, M. Hegna, A. Vilaro, K. Richmond, J. Johnson, C. Thomas, P. Holt, J. Spann

1. **Call to Order**- S. Rudnicki called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
2. **Public Expression**- none
3. **Virtual Financial Review Presentation:** Michael McLanahan for Ed Bysiek, CPA
 - Clarification that this was a review and not an audit.
 - The financial position of the library remains strong. The library was issued a favorable, unqualified opinion.
4. **March 2026 Minutes**- approved and filed
5. **Library Director's Report**
 - Ralph C. Wilson, Jr Foundation Rural Library grant was awarded in the amount of \$56,817. It will be used for upgrades to public computers, connectivity, and flexible workspaces. The purchase of 10 public computers was also covered by this grant.
 - FY2025 NYS Construction Grant funds of \$55,915 have been received.
 - Summer youth page position has been approved and was previously approved in the 2026 budget.
 - Chautauqua Community Foundation funded a summer "Dinosaur Storytime in a Box." Ten kits will circulate regionally from CCLS on a rotating schedule.
 - JMI has completed some work on the heating upgrades. Scheduling issues have delayed continued work on the project.
 - New bike racks have been ordered.
 - New art exhibition space, "13 Walls" has been implemented.
 - Both Children's programming and Adult Services have been very well attended.

6. Treasurer's Report

- The operating fund has around \$69,500.
- The capital account is at \$92,000.
- The endowment is remaining relatively stable at \$5.2 million.
- A \$5,000 draw was taken from the Kappler account this year.

B.Kittle made a motion to amend 2026 budget to reflect changes in funds received and not received. C. Thomas seconded. All in favor.

7. Committee Reports

i. Finance Committee-

- Manning and Napier will be coming on June 2 to discuss endowment management.
- Estate Planning program for public on June 15

ii. Building & Grounds Committee

- Plexiglass doors for four shelves in the main reading room are almost done. Hinges and locks need to be purchased and installed.
- Landscaping was completed by the Hernandez brothers. Two boxwoods were removed due to illness.
- Still waiting for JMI to complete the thermostat and pump work for the heating system.
- Glass replacement in the addition entryway should be starting soon.
- Simpson Electric came in with the lowest quote regarding the electric shutoff switch and exit signage.
- An updated quote for the replacement globes for a chandelier came in from the Tacoma Museum of Glass. Cost of 100 would be around \$30,000.

iii. Fundraising Committee

- K. Richmond spoke about Patterson After Dark. ~\$12,100 was raised. Lots of positive feedback was given about the event.
- C. Thomas discussed auction plans and progress.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

i. Archives Strategic Plan for approval

-M. Hegna discussed the strategic plan for archives.

ii. Proposed committees for formations: Archives Committee, Grants Committee, Public Vote Exploratory Committee

K. Richmond made a motion to approve the Archives Strategic plan. J. Spann seconded. All in favor.

10. Trustee Elections

Nominations for Steve, Tim, Linda, and Kathy to renew for another term. B. Kittle made a motion to approve. C. Thomas seconded. All in favor.

Approval of Joan's retirement from the board.

Proposal to approve Ariel Vilardo to join the board

11. Public Expression

12. Adjourn

S. Rudnicki adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm