

PATTERSON LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 12, 2026

Attendance: S. Rudnicki, T. Roets, J. Spann, C. Riedesel, B. Kittle, M. Hegna, J. Caruso, C. Thomas, L. Schofield, J. Johnson, Ariel Vilaro

Present Via Zoom: P. Holt, K. Richmond

Absent: L. Dunn

1. Call to Order- President S. Rudnicki called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

2. Public Expression- Ariel Vilaro was present as a prospective Board member.

3. January 2026 Minutes approved and filed

4. Library Director's Report-

-Archives Strategic Planning Workshop was on January 19. An Archives Committee will be formed.

-Annual Report to NY State is significantly delayed due to software not being ready.

-April 7 panel discussion at SUNY Fredonia

-ADA compliance: By 2027, the library website needs to be ADA compliant. ADA compliance also includes potential new signage.

-Still waiting on grant money from the New York Construction Grant.

-Brian Millspaw requested a letter of support for an art grant proposal. He would create a bench that would be installed in the basement lobby outside the Octagon Gallery.

-S. Rudnicki and M. Hegna presented a funding request for the upcoming fiscal year at a village budget hearing on March 2.

-JMI has begun work on the heating upgrades funded through the NYS Construction Grant.

-Programming has been doing very well. New book club forming.

-New teen advisory board has formed.

5. Treasurer's Report- T. Roets presented the treasurer's report

-Operating fund is at \$34,000

-A \$90,000 draw from the endowment has been approved for capital projects, mainly the heater project.

-Endowment is slightly lower due to recent market fluctuations.

-Expenses are in line with previous years.

6. Committee Reports-

i. Building & Grounds Committee- S. Rudnicki presented the buildings and grounds committee

- The Hands continued painting in the circulation area.
- Hands put in a movie screen in the storytime room
- plexiglass to protect shelves in the main reading room has come in.
- JMI installed cabinet heaters. Waiting on them to install thermostats and pumps.
- BECC electric met about main electric shut off and lit exit signs by all doors. Their quote came in at about double the grant. Will get another quote from Ahlstrom to make sure we're talking about the same work.

ii. Fundraising Committee-

- Patterson After Dark- Logistics for setup and food are being worked out.
- Book sale is ahead of schedule.

iii. Nominating Committee- K. Richmond presented

- the committee wats a document outlining the strengths, weaknesses, and motivations of potential new trustees.
- will vote for two people at the May BOT meeting to fill the current vacant positions.

7. Unfinished Business- none

8. New Business- M. Hegna shared information about an appraisal service for fine arts. It was decided that if her services are needed, we will contact the appraisal service.

B. Kittle made a motion to eliminate the fee for faxing. J. Caruso seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

9. Public Expression

10. Adjourned at 8:10