

## **Minutes of the March 24, 2026 RFRR Board Meeting**

Trustees: Lina Eroh, Georgia Dyer, Jan Kelsey, Val Chuebon, Jackie Cohen, Nicole Cunningham, Jennifer McArdle, Jill MacVicar, Diane Martin, Emilie Reddoch, Kathleen Riegelhaupt, Jaclyn Shanahan, Jim Steinthal, Emily Tisdale, Meredythe Ryan, Bettina Scott Funk

Lina Eroh began the meeting at 7:34.

No one from the public was present.

### **Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda contained the minutes of the January 2026 board meeting and the January and February 2026 financial statements. Georgia made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Nicole seconded. All approved.

### **President's Report**

Lina suggested that the board members introduce themselves since this was the first meeting for some new trustees.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Assistant Director's Report**

Catherine reported that WLS has received less money from the County. Hoopla, the econtent vendor, has changed their fee structure. This means that the library has lost some access to their econtent which is now limited to 3 checkouts per day. It is possible for the library to buy additional access. She attended a conference at Morgan Stanley in Purchase about re-imagining libraries and how best to meet the needs of the community. She reported that the garden had been cleaned and prepared for spring. The hot water heater has been repaired and the contract with Poly-Temp has been renewed. She has received a quote for replacing the air handler in the staff area. Lina asked the Building Committee to review it. The boiler has been serviced.

#### **Adult Services**

Catherine reported that she has had discussions with the staff brainstorming about programming. There have been several RW 250 programs recently which have had large attendance. The Irish Tea and Tales event was popular. The film "Hidden History of Slavery in New York" was shown in conjunction with the Westchester County Human Rights Commission and the Port Chester/Rye NAACP.

### Teen Services

Catherine reported that Sarah has scheduled a number of test prep programs covering the ACT and SAT exams. It is a practice test taking session. It was suggested that these be promoted on the Rye Moms page for greater publicity. Dungeons and Dragons is increasingly popular with more groups added. The Counting Cash program, run by teens for teens, about managing money is also popular.

### Children's Services

Catherine reported that Arlo is the replacement children's librarian. Librarians are working on the Milton School Fifth Grade Capstone project. The library collects materials for specific research projects. Learnique's presence in the Discovery Zone has been very helpful.

### Auxiliary Board

Bettina reported that they are gearing up for Vehicle Fair on May 31. They are working toward a goal of \$17,000 for business donors. They already have the lead sponsor and two other major sponsors. They are working on a date for the Book Sale in the fall. They are lining up hosts for Novel Night.

### Strategic Planning

Stephanie reported that the committee had met. They are discussing both short term and long term ( 5 years out) goals. They are considering engaging a consultant. They are preparing an RFP to be sent to at least five possible consultants.

### Programming

Lina began the discussion on programming for adults and space usage for teens and tweens. Catherine described how we serve all three areas (adults, teens and children). The morning children's programming has been very successful and is growing in popularity. She does not feel that any changes are needed there now. Feedback about afterschool programming indicates an interest in multicultural programs and possibly chess. Regarding teens, she agrees that the teen space should be upgraded with a fresh design. A discussion ensued about retaining an interior decorator to design the space. Creating a space for tweens was also discussed. The room on the mezzanine seems like a possible location. Currently non-fiction children's books are shelved there. Possible relocation areas for these books were discussed. It was suggested that an architect be consulted to review the space for a possible redesign.

Lina talked about having a prominent author speak. Catherine had a list of possible “author pairings” for such an event. A discussion ensued about possible authors. It was pointed out that providing a copy of the book with the ticket is usually successful in promoting the event. It was also suggested that a review of which authors have new books coming out this year should be done.

Regarding the Discovery Zone, Catherine reported that Learnique is there each afternoon with a new activity. People are now coming in specifically for the activity. New toys are being added and existing ones assessed. She hopes that the library will continue with Learnique. It was discussed whether a new contract with Learnique should be funded by the Auxiliary Board or the Library itself.

#### Mission Moments

Catherine reported that there is an activity for children scheduled every day during spring break. The Sunday film series begins on April 19 with the showing of “Marty”.

There being no further business, Lina called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jan was so moved. Georgia seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43.

**Action : The Board approve the March meeting minutes**