

Onondaga Free Library

Annual Meeting Minutes - March 25, 2026

Board Attendees: Chris McCarthy, Beth Crump, Margaret Farrell, Rob Price, Liz LaRochelle, Yvonne Slate, Diane Leshinski, Joe Campbell, Pat Forken

Absent: *Charlotte Garofalo*

Staff: Susan Morgan, Scott Lipkowitz, Abigail Connolly, Chantal Rothermel, Penny Feeney

Guests: *Penny Feeney-OHMS Librarian, Jessica Regitano-Westhill High School Librarian, Rod Maturan-Friends of OFL*

I. Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes from the March 26, 2025 annual meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from March 26, 2025: Beth Crump. Seconded: Rob Price. All in favor. **Motion carried unanimously.**

III. President's Remarks and Library Director's 2025 Report

Chris McCarthy praised the staff for their work this past year providing for a remarkably successful 2025 for the library. He noted how well the staff have all worked together and how well Scott and Susan have managed staff, programing, patrons, and building maintenance, all resulting in a highly successful year. He also expressed appreciation for the contributions from the Friends of OFL.

Susan noted that engagement numbers and programing have been excellent this year. She also expressed thanks to the Friends remarking that we could not have done a fraction of the library programing without their financial support. Scott expressed appreciation to Abigail Connolly, who in her first 9 months on the job, doubled teen engagement at the library.

Beth Crump thanked Chris McCarthy for his service and leadership to OFL and the community. He is stepping down from the board and his term as President. Susan also thanked both Beth and Chris and for their service on the board. Beth's board term is expiring.

IV. Treasurer's 2025 Report

Margaret Farrell reviewed the 2025 financial summary of the revenues and expenses from the Annual Report, noting that the numbers are strong. Total Revenues were \$1,170,845 and Expenditures were \$1,114,019. The largest percentage of revenues come from the Town of Onondaga (60%), and the largest expenditure is from staff salaries, benefits, and taxes (55%). Margaret also noted that the library has had a good year with investments and she also thanked the Friends of OFL who contributed \$22,648 in 2025.

V. *Nomination & Election of New Trustee Candidates 1st Term Mar 2026-Mar 2028:*

Joe Campbell: 1st term March 2026-March 2028

Joe said he is looking forward to working with the Board.

Motion to elect Joe Campbell to the board: Rob Price. Second: Beth Crump. All in favor.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. *Trustee Term Renewals*

Charlotte Garofalo: 2nd term March 2026-March 2028

Pat Forken: 2nd term March 2026-March 2028

Motion made to approve the trustee term renewals for Charlotte Garofalo and Pat Forken:

Beth Crump. Seconded: Rob Price. All in favor. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VII. *Official Slate of 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Officers*

Yvonne Slate: President

TBA: Vice-President

Margaret Farrell: Treasurer

Patricia Forken: Secretary

Motion made to accept the slate of officers: Beth Crump. Seconded: Liz LaRochelle. All in favor. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chris adjourned the Annual Meeting at 6:23 pm and invited everyone to have some snacks and mingle before going into our regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting.