

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: February 4, 2026

Present: Directors: Lore DePalo, Sheila Graudons, Cara Kirky, Barbara Leigh, Naomi Kissel-Johns, Pamela McLaughlin, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach, Mary Taylor and Donna Zeolla

Staff: Susan Morgan

Members: Chris Guyer and Megan Root

Absent: George Bain

The meeting opened at 1:30. The minutes from January were read online. A correction was noted: Book sale dates for the fall are October 1-3. A motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Mary T., seconded by Sheila G. and approved.

We welcomed Meghan R. to the group. After introductions, we made the distinction between voting directors, non-voting directors and members. Directors must be elected and we will occasionally hold meetings for directors only. Members are welcome at our monthly meetings and we value input from them. However, only Directors can vote. We discussed how to become a Director and what is expected of them.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

We are off to a great start for 2026. Susan M. thanked us for our \$12400.00 donation for the legacy gifts.

March 25, 2026 at 6:00PM is the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Library. All are welcome. We introduce new officers and trustees as well as share the budget.

We are happy to announce that we are getting new flooring in the Community Room in February. This carpet is 14 years old and will be replaced with laminate. We received a grant from Federal Home Loan from Solvay Bank and Americu FCU is providing the remaining money.

We need an adult helper on Wednesday, March 11 from 11-1 to help make seed bombs for a program Hannah B.

Megan Freeman, author of Alone and Away, will be with us on May 6 at 6PM to discuss her books written for middle school readers. That's What She Read Bookshop will be here to sell her books.

Wish List:	Music with Donna B. on April 22	\$180.00
	Four games for Nintendo Switch	
	Spring Break Week activities	
	Retro Con	\$200
	Vinyl Spin	\$150.00
	Ellis Island with Dennis Heaphy	
	Poetry contest prizes	\$120.00

Ukrainian egg making for 24 people	\$200.00
Author Karon Grossman	\$50.00-\$100.00
Self-care mental health kits	\$250.00
Will include literature on Mental health from NAMI And stress relief items	
Edge pages-customize your own book	\$300.00
12 sessions of Dancercise	\$600.00
May-October	
6 classes of Yoga	\$800.00
May-October	
	TOTAL: \$3135.8

A motion was made to fund the wish list for no more than \$3135.85 by Donna Z., seconded by Cara K. and approved.

Susan M. and Hannah B. have found stools from Lakeshore that are high density foam covered in vinyl that are easy to clean. A motion was made to purchase three chairs not to exceed \$800.00 by Pam M., seconded by Sheila G.

There was discussion about purchasing mental health kits to be included in the Library of Things. We need a sense of what will be included. Chris G. will check with Petit Library to see what is include in their kit. Perhaps we could check with the local schools for suggestions.

TREASURER'S REPORT: George B. via e-mail

Attached are the scant financial reports for the year's first month. Our current checking account balance of \$7,547.89 compares to \$5,895.47 a year ago. We began this year with a balance of \$19,452.89 and have given the library \$12,400. We began 2025 with a balance of \$20,994.51 and gave the library \$15,275 in January.

The online used book sales from last month may be the last of that revenue source.

And please note that the **\$11,905 net total in red** at the end of the Category Summary report does not mean that's our checking account balance. It's the difference between money in and money out in the reporting period. The checking account balance is always the balance column in the Checking report's last line.

George

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Barb L., seconded by Donna Z.

IT UPDATES: Lore D.

Naomi K-J has Google Drive Administrative Access.

Please let Lore D. know if you attempted to log into the Friends Gmail account as she noted a failed attempt message.

We are running out of Google space so we need to clean that up. Lore D. will Work with Elizabeth Costello to see if we can consolidate membership information.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Kathy DeSanctis via e-mail

To date:

137 members

\$9667 donated

\$67.17 average donation

Thanks to Naomi and Lore for helping cover while Elizabeth is recuperating. She's getting stronger each week from her back surgery! Keep up the good efforts Elizabeth!

Kathy

Winter Blue's Basket:

Member #54 was chosen as the winner. This is L.J. Howard. Mary Beth R. will contact them.

VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT:

Cara K. will be there to introduce the group and to let patrons know that this is brought to them by the Friends. A motion was made to spend no more than \$50.00 on water and snacks by Mary Beth R., seconded by Donna Z. and approved. Mary Beth R. will do the shopping. Susan M. will take photos.

SHAMROCK SALE: Mary Beth R.

Price Chopper is selling the plants to us at the same price as last year - 3 for \$10.00 – so we will still sell them for \$5.00 each. The sale will be March 13 and 14 during library hours. We have gift card from BeeKind and Price Chopper that we will raffle off. If you can think of anywhere else to get a gift card let Mary Beth R. know. She will send out a list of times for volunteers.

BOOKMARKS: Mary Beth R.

We can get 600 bookmark kits (bookmarks, stickers and labels) from Amazon for \$87.00. A motion to purchase the bookmark kits for no more than \$100.00 was made by Donna Z., seconded by Sue P. and approved.

WISHING WELL: Mary Beth R.

We will put up the birdcage in the Friends Corner April with paper for patrons to let us know of things they'd like to see in library.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35PM. Our next meeting will be March 4 at 1:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary