

**Minutes of the Southold Free Library Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
January 28, 2026**

Meeting opened at 6:31pm

No public in attendance

**Present:** LDavidoff, JRoth, PReilly, NStellato, CMacArthur, ARistuccia, CBroussard, KWallace, NCarroll, NColón

**Absent:** THudgens

**Minutes** from Dec 2024 Meeting:motion to accept by Camille, seconded by Jim. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Emailed to board. No concerns

**Warrants:** Unanimously approved (JR/LD motion/second). Katie asked for clarification about museum passes. The library purchases them. A discussion took place about the HVAC system and possible grants to consider conversion to GeoThermal along with Pocket Park construction. Caroline has looked into it in the past.

**Director's Report:** emailed to board, Caroline added that 2 new part-time staff members have been hired (Caroline Coop and Paola Amato). Search is in place to hire a new teen librarian following Penny's retirement. Caroline will be attending the legislative meeting in Albany.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance:** (Nancy C)The committee met on 12/16 and discussed the budget, transferring funds to a CD for a better interest rate, and the cost of employee health benefits.

The board unanimously approved the 2% tax levy. The board will review the budget and vote in Feb.

**Fundraising:** Lisa suggested a possible author visit.

**Policy:** (Jim) Whistleblower policy was updated. NS/PR motioned & second, unanimously approved. The index to policies will be updated and sent to the board.

**Personnel:** (Camille)Director's evaluation is coming up. Proposed adding a PT children's librarian to assist Dana. This position is already considered in the proposed budget. The board unanimously approved. Motion by LD/second byJR.

**Strategic Planning:**(Nick) Committee met on 1/14. The draft plan for 2026-2027 is being updated.

**Buildings & Grounds:** (Jim) Would like to plan for a meeting the second week of Feb. Added that window screens need repair or replacement. Yellow paint on stairs needs to be done again. There are 2 bids (no others have come in) for general repairs. They are close in price-Daniel can weigh in.

**Pocket Park:** Lisa has been asking Salty Roots for (overdue) updates.

**Old Business:** Caroline asked the board to approve the SCLS representative, Janet O'Hare. Motion by Lisa, second by Jim. Unanimously approved.

**No New Business**

Reminder that Simply Civics resumes 2/15. The topic is local housing issues

Meeting closed by Lisa at 7:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Stellato, Secretary