

**Southold Free Library**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees Feb 18, 2026**

The meeting opened at 6:28 pm

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

**Absent:** THudgens

No public present

**Treasurer's Report:** No questions

**Warrants:** Brief comments about the cost of snow plowing in light of the snowy winter we've been experiencing. Warrants unanimously approved with a motion by Priscilla and seconded by Camille

**Director's Report:** emailed to trustees. Caroline added that the overflow pipe has been repaired. The First Annual East End Crossword Puzzle Tournament will take place in March. Caroline notarized a document for a patron in their home.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** No updates

**Fundraising:** No updates

**Policy:** Jim stated that the index was mailed out. More policies will be updated regularly as needed.

**Personnel:** Penny Kelly will retire at the end of May. Caroline will develop a job description and salary range for a new children's/teen librarian. Skye will complete her library degree this summer and it was proposed that a salary increase should reflect this. A motion was made by Camille and seconded by Jim to post the children's/teen librarian position. All were in favor.

**Strategic Planning:** There will be some minor updates for board approval next month.

**Buildings & Grounds:** The committee met on 2/17. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Lisa to hire ARA painters from Aquebogue as recommended by Daniel. Chris Mohr agreed to hold rates for this year for snow removal. His rate will increase next year. Jim will be looking for an HVAC vendor to provide a service contract since Kolb who did the install in 2019 does not offer one. Yellow safety "paint party" on steps is planned for May. The committee identified the following capital improvements for 2026: The media system repair/replace; Lighting which does not work properly; Exterior work; Obtaining bids on a generator to apply for state grant money. We will need this if the library is identified as a cooling/warming center.

Jim will evaluate the window screens for repair or replacement. Caroline will contact Mattituck Glass for cost on this.

**Pocket Park:** Caroline and Lisa met with Salty Roots. There is a question about the right of way on the survey. This needs to be corrected. The plans still need to go before the zoning board. Caroline and Lisa voiced their concerns to Salty Roots about the continued delays and made it clear that the budget cannot be adjusted up due to increasing costs of labor or materials.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

No Executive Session

The meeting was adjourned by Lisa at 7pm

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Stellato, Secretary

