

January 12th 2026 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Buck at 5:30pm

Attendance:

Present: T. Brant, N. Bromley, C. Buck, G. Hinman, M. Piano, J. Root, T. Russo-Malone, T. Winn, Director Linda Denz

Discussion:

- Minutes of the meeting held November 17, 2025, were approved for filing on motion by Paino, seconded by Bromley. Ayes all.
- Resignation to Retire - Gordon Hinman announced his retirement from the board of trustees following over 40 years of dedication. The board accepted his retirement with regret and sincere appreciation for his commitment to our library and our community. You will be missed, Gordon!
- Appointments - the board unanimously elected the following slate of officers for a one-year term:
 - President - Christine Buck
 - Vice President - Michael Paino
 - Treasurer - Tiffany Winn
 - Secretary - Theresa Brant
- New Trustee, Tiffany Russo-Malone, recently filled the board vacancy created by the resignation of Gary Breuilly. That term expired on January 1st, 2026. Therefore, Tiffany Russo-Malone was appointed to a new term beginning January 1st, 2026, for five years. The board majority also appointed a new trustee to fill the seat opened by G. Hinman's retirement. The next candidate on the list of those who have recently submitted letters of interest was Kris McDermott. Kris was elected to a five year term beginning

with our meeting on February 9, 2026. President Buck will contact her.

- Moore Memorial Library budget for 2026 was reviewed and approved on motion by J. Root, seconded by M. Piano. Ayes all. \$446,807 total.
- Library Calendar - 2026 - The proposed calendar was reviewed and approved on motion by C. Buck, seconded by T. Winn. Ayes all.
- The Library Director's Report was presented by Linda Denz. Linda thanked the Raymond Foundation for their recent grant for work on the library, and trustees shared their appreciation. She gave a current overview of building maintenance issues that have been addressed, are being addressed, and some we were previously unaware of, such as the sugaring of the front pillars. Linda is working up a ten-year plan to address the most expensive requirements. J. Ruth suggested the library secure professional assistance and guidance from an architect and the trustees all agreed. This process will require assistance from J. Ruth, Building & Grounds Cmte., who graciously volunteered to help. Additionally, it was determined that Linda should research the library's place on any historical lists.
- L. Denz is considering some modifications to staff scheduling. As this falls under the day-to-day operation/management, she may proceed with the boards' support.
- J. Ruth shared information about a recent issue involving a neighboring property resident utilizing the library's property to move in a shed. This was done without permission and resulted in some damage to library grounds. Jim contacted

the Chenango County Sheriff's Office as well as code enforcement.

Adjournment

President Buck adjourned the meeting at 6:34pm. On a motion by M. Piano, seconded by G. Hinman. Ayes all.

Next meeting will be held the SECOND Monday of February - February 9th at 5:30. This is off-schedule due to the following Monday being a holiday.

Submitted by:

Theresa Brant