

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Date: June 23, 2025

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Emily Cooper.

PRESENT: Joe Milano, Emily Cooper, Daniel Kaye, Elaine Cassidy Shanahan, Maurie Markman and Liz Fitzgerald were in attendance along with Terry Biansco, Pat Christopher and Diane Moskal.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2025, was made by Maurie Markman, seconded by Daniel Kaye. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The May 2025 Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Highlights include:

- Balances are relatively low due to bill payment schedule. These balances are expected to bounce back.
- Book and Building Endowments had significant increases in May.
- Maintenance costs increased due to elevator pressure test, landscaping and invoices that came due last month.
- Electronic resources went over-budget last month due to Hoopla and Canopy expenses. Hoopla expenses were almost \$5K last month, due to volume of use, while last year they averaged just over \$3K per month. Liz and Mimi will meet with the Hoopla rep at an upcoming conference to see if they can negotiate a more agreeable rate.
- Thank you to the Friends for their \$13K donation!

The May Treasurer's report was reviewed and will be filed for audit.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Thank you to staff for opening the building to the public post-storm so people could benefit from AC and electric.
- Summer Reading Kickoff was a huge success! Preliminary numbers suggest that around 500 people came for it. Attendees enjoyed ice cream, games, events and fun. Many people of all ages signed up for summer reading.
- We are in conversation with Bibliotecha to get pricing for two self-checkout machines and gates for our facility. All items would need RFID tags if this system were put in place. Liz will make a Capital Request from the Township to cover costs for the hardware associated with this project.
- Liz working with Abington School District to update Requests for Reconsideration of school library materials.
- Sara and Liz will meet with Lauren to discuss the library's new grant from CHOP Community Cares.
- Children's Department offered 28 programs that reached nearly 4,500 kids last month.
- PrideFest had a great turnout with teen volunteers and food trucks for all to enjoy.
- Sara visited 5th grade classrooms at 6 of the 7 middle schools.
- Roslyn has 56 programs scheduled for summer reading!
- Pipe that runs through the Book Cellar was repaired.

ADULT LITERACY REPORT:

- Elizabeth announced that she will retire in July.
- The program's Annual Reception took place June 11 and was a huge success!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Friends – Terry Biansco: Friends volunteered at the sold-out Liz Moore event and at the June 23rd Summer Reading Kick Off. Annual Brunch was a fun celebration. The Friends donated \$56,525 to the library this year!
- B. Policy and Personnel – Daniel Kaye: Interviews with board candidates will be scheduled in the coming weeks.
- C. Development/Long-Range Planning -- Maurie Markman: Joe will arrange a meeting with Christman and members of this group.
- D. Facilities – Joe Milano: No updates.
- E. Finance and Investment– Emily Cooper: No updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: All current board members expressed interest in staying in their current roles heading into 2026. A motion was made by Joe Milano, seconded by Maurie Markman, for the four current board members to stay in their current roles with Joe Milano as President, Lauren Greaves as Vice President, Emily Cooper as Treasurer, and Elaine Cassidy Shanahan as Secretary. Motion was approved. Discussion took place about ensuring that Library leadership assist Terry in communicating pertinent updates to all Friends volunteers.

CORRESPONDENCE: Distributed to all Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Joe Milano, seconded by Daniel Kaye, to adjourn the Board meeting.
Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Our next Board meeting is July 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Cassidy Shanahan
Board Secretary