DOBBS FERRY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 18, 2026 AGENDA

Present: David Tabacoff, Frank Vizard, Donna Assuma, Linda Stutz, Inna Livitz, Alex Peck, Erika Abelon, David Webber

Excused: David Agosto

Staff: Erik Carlson, Donna Garofalo

Meeting called to order: Linda called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: approved

Presidents' Comments

- Gala update - now Sept. 24 Tickets will be honored
- Linda impressed with children's programming attendance and feedback

Director Report

- Hoopla - added 2 additional checkouts for Dobbs. There are now 5 checkouts a month
- Lighting - not working in children's room - waiting on quote
- Air Handler blower - needs repair
- Patio repair needed. Village said we need a roofer; question of who is responsible for payment
- Library of Things - 89 responses 2% responded - power tools most popular. Dave Tabacoff thinks that this is a diversion from what we are doing. Others felt it was a good synergy. Sharing resources. After more responses come in the Board will look at it again. Also considered a start as a pilot program. 5 in favor of a pilot. Recommend tabling discussion it until the hiring of as Asst Director
- Clearing out storage room in library basement
- Reconsideration of Materials: Ivy and Bean series; need to form a committee and review the request; ALA has information to help us to respond to complaints.
- Updated statistic tracking
- Changed annual statistics to help improve making the Annual Statistic Report
- Murder Mystery April 12, 2026 -

Librarian Report;

- Lunar New Year - went very well
- Indie Lens Pop showing: The Librarian. Good turnout
- Spanish translation of new Code of Conduct - Franchesca

Secretary Report

- Google drive organization. Inna and Alex met with Wilson Arana, WLS to design trustee accounts and transfer to a new trustee. Moving forward. Old accounts will be archived. New accounts will be Trustee (Last name)
- Folders will also be put into a shared drive and designated appropriately

Friends' Report

- Endowment - not here to present
- 4/19 - Book and Jewelry Sale

Village liaison report Donna will report back to Village - HVAC, etc
Donna suggested that we meet with the Police Chief regarding ICE procedures
Re training for Staff; Library policy should protect staff and patrons
Also, discussion on Disaster Response

Committee Reports

- Policy & Compliance (Inna)
- Went thru existing policies and which ones we are required to update
    - Disaster Response - comprehensive
    - Volunteer Policy

- Finance Committee (David) -
    - Committee met with Erik. everything in order

- Personnel Committee (Erika)
    - Job posting has been shared
    - Librarian II Civil Service list has been canvassed
    - Have a short list of candidates to start interviewing
    - Putting together interview questions

Old Business

Items up for vote:

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Adjournment - Meeting adjourned; Erica then Alex

Upcoming meetings

- Upcoming board meeting dates for 2025/26 are as follows: April 15, May 20, and June 17, 2026

Trustee Education

Resources:

- https://midhudson.org/trusteebookclub/
- https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/trustees/webinars.htm