Cohocton Public Library Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 21st at 4:00 PM

Location: Cohocton Public Library

1. Call to Order
2. Changes to the Agenda
3. Financial Report
4. Approval of July's Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of June's Director's Report

Old Business

A. Flooring update
B. Art Gallery

New Business

A. CERP Update
B. Community Room Lighting
C. New Cleaner

Trustee Concerns

Adjourn Meeting

Cohocton Public Library Board Minutes
August 17, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Jim Feely at 4:02 pm.

Present: Molly Wilkinson, Jim Feely, Carol VanNorman, Pam Vogt, Claire Davis, Kathy Krivitza, Barb Storms, Sandy Shaffer

Changes to the agenda: Our guest speaker presented first.

Financial report given by Kathy Krivitza.

June balance: $64,703.15; balance with outstanding checks: $65,536.91
July Balance: $51,369.00; balance with outstanding checks: $51,844.99
Paid Family Leave: $15,800.35
June Capital Fund Money Market: $118,411.84; interest $20.76
July Capital Fund Money Market: $118,431.95; interest: $20.11

Motion to approve financial report made by Jim, seconded by Carol; all in favor.

Motion to approve June meeting minutes made by Claire, seconded by Kathy; all in favor.

Director's report given by Molly Wilkinson - refer to July report.
Good feedback was received from the 4-week summer program. There was a large turnout at the big event at the end of the program. The big event may be done first next year to increase awareness of and participation in the program. Creative Community will be changed to once a month due to decreased participation.
Motion to approve director's report made by Pam, seconded by Kathy; all in favor.

Old Business:

a. Flooring Update: Project is almost completed.

New Business:

a. STLS Presentation by Erica Jenns: Erica is the STLS Assistant Director. She discussed Trustee Roles and Responsibilities and Strategic Planning. A slide presentation was provided.
b. C of D Expiration: Both C of D's need action taken this month. The C of D from the Operating Account will be deposited back into that account. The Capital Fund C of D will be transferred into a 7-month C of D at 3.6% interest. Jim made a motion to approve these actions, seconded by Sandy; all in favor.
c. Art Gallery and Partnership: Tom Tripp would like to have an art show to display photos his dad, Ellswood Tripp, took during his tour in the Korean War. It was offered to be done at the Historical Society, but they do not have room for the display. Molly will ask them if they would like to help with this event. Molly will purchase starter kits to display art gallery pieces. Tom would like to have a reception on October 1 and will give a welcome introduction. Jim made a motion to have this art gallery in the library and purchase the

needed supplies, seconded by Claire; all in favor. Jim suggested opening the library from 10-noon on Fall Foliage Saturday. It was suggested to make this viewing time by appointment only. The display is titled “Marilyn by Tripp.”

Trustee Concerns: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Claire, seconded by Carol and so done at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Storms, Secretary

Statistics August (July)

Circulation- 614(672)
Patrons-500(483)
Computer Sessions-70(55)
Patron Registrations-6(10)
Digital collection:
- Magazines- 22(18)
- Audiobooks/E-Books- 65(60)

Holds Provided- 232(225)
Holds Received- 111(105)
Items Added- 35(92)

Programs August (July)

Bone Builders- 32(46)
Book Club- 14(9)
Library Little Ones- n/a(n/a)
Creative Community-3(n/a)
Take & Makes- 20(n/a)
Teen Time- 3(n/a)
Patchwork Neighbors 5(n/a)
Sit Stay Read! 0(n/a)
Storytime 4(n/a)
Mahjong 26(18)
Studio Art 10(n/a)

CPR Demonstration- 4
Family Bingo- 33
Jewelry Class- 7

August Notes:

In August we were recharged after summer learning. Programming was cut down for the carpet installation, and we held just a few programs to round out summer break. We had another great turnout for Family Bingo with 33 attendees. We also began weeding the DVD collection to make more shelf room. We had 276 discards in August. I plan to set them up on a table or two and sell them for 25 cents apiece and give away whatever we do not sell. The discarding is also in preparation for new organization in the DVD section. We will be categorizing all DVDs and shelving them by genre. This will be an ongoing project through September.

September Plans:

In September we will be moving on to the children's and YA section for weeding. Books will be pulled that have not been checked out in the last 4 years.

We will begin work on the 2027 fiscal budget and hope to have a rough draft for discussion at the October board meeting.

Applications are now open for the 2027 NYSCA Community Arts grant. I will begin the prep work for that grant and find more local artists to bring to the library. This funding has allowed us to hold more programming and more expensive programs throughout the year.

The next Directors Adisory Council meeting will be held here on 9/30. The STLS Annual Meeting will also be held here on 10/2 and the library will be closed for the event until 1:00pm. Tables and chairs will be delivered early on the 1st and will be stored int the back hallways out of the way. Trustees are welcome to attend.

Starting a Friends of the library group was brought up by an interested patron. Friends groups fundraise for the library as additional income but are a separate entity to the library. I will do more research on the topic and put the word out to see if anyone would be interested in spearheading the group.