

**Fort Edward Free Library
Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2024**

Attendance: James Donahue, John Godfrey, Morgan Clark,
Kate Hunsdon-Stannard

Staff: Vicki Plude

Excused Absence: Mary Ellen Fisher

Welcome:

A meeting was called to order by James Donahue at 6:59 p.m. In-person meeting. Minutes of the November 13th meeting were unanimously approved (J. Godfrey, M. Clark).

Financial Report:

- Bills were paid and accounts balanced through the end of November 30, 2024.
- Checkbook reconciled as of November 30, 2024.
- Looked at the 2025 budget proposal. Discussed changes to various categories, but did not decide on the official numbers yet.

Librarian's Report:

- Report of items, patrons, circulation, new items, Wi-Fi usage, and interlibrary loans for September and October.
- There was a movie program (Free Birds). 8 children and one adult attended.
- Garden club met with 6 in attendance.
- Received calendars from the Eric Canal.

- Rec'd minimum variance request form from SALS
- Sunday 12/15 @ 2p.m. there will be a movie (The Bells of St. Mary's).

Correspondence:

- Rec'd from Sara Dallas- notification that there are vacancies on SALS' board.
- Rec'd from Sara Dallas- a grant opportunity

Unfinished Business:

- Blue Mountain Lake: James will reach out to Paul.
- Microscopes- on hold.
- 12/28- Vicki is planning a kids' craft program.
- FOIL- Greenwich library sent a copy of their form. Will be retyped and formatted for us.

New Business:

- Discussed slate of officers for 2025.
- SALS training for board members- there is the Niche academy that has trainings available.

A motion to adjourn at 7:41 was unanimously approved (J. Godfrey, M. Clark).

Draft submitted by Kate Hunsdon-Stannard, Secretary.