



Minutes from the first meeting in the new Library meeting room.

20 March 2025 / 6:00 PM / 21 Milton Ave. Ballston Spa, NY

Attendees: Christine Fitzpatrick; Betsy Budd; Meredith Tower; Lori Acee; Andrea Simmons; Andy Manion; Mandy Rider; Stan Lockwood, Patricia Burnham, Martha and Mike Iacolucci, Andrea Simmons, Danielle Thomson.

Agenda

1. Secretary's Report
 - Approval of minutes for Jan 16 and Feb. 20, 2025
2. Treasurer's Report Summary
 - Checking - \$2,929.29
 - Savings \$98,611.76
3. Meredith reported that The FOBSPL tax return preparation is in progress and will be filed on time after review by our accountant.
4. Donations are still coming in including a generous PayPal donation of \$400.
5. Lori – Reported that on March 31st the contractors meeting will outline the finish work for the Phase 1-A, which is nearly completed. The furniture is on order and may delay the ribbon cutting, which is tentative at this point. We are hoping for a Sunday in May or June.
6. Ribbon cutting – With the overwhelming success of our groundbreaking event, it was suggested that we use it as a blueprint for the upcoming ribbon cutting.
7. Grants Update: Several grants were discussed, some are in process, and some are not eligible for submission until later in the year.
 - The Alfred E Solomon Trust will decide which of the two new rooms they would like to claim for their naming rights.
 - Andrea mentioned the SALS Challenge Grant and the NYS Heritage Grant.

- Another Solomon grant application has been requested, and Kristen's Common Roots \$2500 grant is in process.
- 8. The Library Stories video project by Skidmore is being filmed, and there is one more session to be scheduled for April. This 10-minute documentary film will feature fifteen stories and will be completed in time for the ribbon cutting.
- 9. A meeting has been scheduled between Representative Mary Beth Walsh, Mayor Rossi, Library Trustees and Andrea Simmons to advocate for funds.
- 10. An upcoming meeting with Paul Mays will review where we are with funds specifically earmarked for Phase 1-A only. We have a fund balance and ideas for acquiring additional equipment will be discussed.
- 11. Nourish T-Shirt Online Sale and Fundraiser Project. A custom FOBSPL mandala was created by Betsy of Nourish and approved at our meeting. They will be sold through her website, and maybe at the library. T-shirts (\$30 each) will be sold for a limited time, along with a few additional items with the logo. We decided on a few colors to use, and the library will get 10% of the proceeds of each sale. As usual, part of the proceeds for each Nourish sale will go toward meals for children.
- 12. Member Concerns: Mandy suggested that we include a small, secluded area for autistic children so that they may observe and participate within their comfort zone when we renovate the children's section or another appropriate location. For example, when the community room is redone, since children's events will be held there, we may want to consider a secluded space there.
- [Link to Calendar](#)
- Respectfully submitted by Danielle Thomson (filling in for Shelley Fenton)

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 17th, 6:00 PM at the library 21 Milton Ave., Ballston Spa, NY 12020