

Daniel Pierce Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 15, 2025

A meeting of the Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library was called to order at 7:08 pm with President Mari Martin presiding. Other Trustees present were Cathy Coombe, Scott Allison, Leanore Egan, Pat Doogan, Bob Eddings, Dave Schneyer, Laura Denman and Bill Richardson. Also present was Cathy Russo, Library Manager.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and approved as presented. President Martin introduced Jared Larson, who has indicated his interest in becoming a Trustee. It was moved by B Eddings and seconded by D Schneyer to approve the appointment of Jared as a Trustee. Motion carried.

Correspondence: M Martin read a thank you note from Nitza Dominitz.

Financial Reports: C Russo presented the financial statements for September. The balance sheet figures, including the building fund, were similar to balances of the previous month. The building fund P&L reflected a large expenditure for replacement of interior and exterior light fixtures and bulbs. Operating account P&L was within normal ranges. It was moved by B Richardson and seconded by S Allison to accept the financial statements for September. Motion carried.

Director's Report: C Russo presented the Director's Report for September into October. The staff had their first professional development day last week. These will be held the second Wednesday of each month. The full report is attached and includes sections written by the coordinators of Children's Programs, Adult programs/Community events and Buildings & Grounds.

Old Business: M Martin reported that entrance and exit signs have been replaced with larger, more clear signage. C Russo reported that most all light fixtures and bulbs have been replaced inside and outside of the building. Work was performed by Moore Electric. Raffle ticket sale funds by Board members are due by end of October.

New Business: C Russo announced that two part-time library clerks have been hired. It was moved by D Schneyer and seconded by B Eddings to approve the hire of the first PT clerk. Motion carried. Moved by D Schneyer and seconded by S Allison to approve the second part-time clerk. Motion carried.

The 2026 RCLS Budget was reviewed by Trustees. It was noted that there was no increase in the annual service fee. It was moved by C Coombe and seconded by P Doogan to approve the proposed 2026 Ramapo Catskill Library System budget. Motion carried.

The operation, logistics and outcome of the Giant Pumpkin Party were discussed. Ideas for 2026 were considered and more brainstorming will take place in the coming weeks.

Tri-Valley FFA will be preparing the hanging baskets again next year and has asked how many the library would like to order. C Russo will give them the order for the same number as last year.

Committee Updates:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Coombe,
Recording Secretary