

Gilbertsville Free Library

May 7, 2026 Board Meeting

Trustees- Marie Stebbins, Amy Favinger, Susan Freyermuth, Annmarie Hill, Elizabeth Bankus, Tim Stark, Scarlett Newman, Amanda Cheung, Ashley Strickland

Trustees Absent- Amy Favinger, Scarlett Newman

Meeting call to order at 7:03 by Marie Stebbins, President

Secretary's Report- attached minutes from the meeting 2/25/26.

Motion to approve minutes was made by Elizabeth Bankus and seconded by Susan Freyermuth. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report- see attached

Fitch Gilbert check will be deposited once received. Expected to make \$3500 on money market acct. Village to pay contracted \$ after taxes are collected in June. They voted upon the amount in Nov and will be a yearly contract.

Motion to receive the treasurer's report made by Elizabeth Bankus and seconded by Susan Freyermuth. Motion carried

Library Manager- see attached

Megan Biddle showed Dawn & Jamie how to do inventory. Volunteers may be needed. Library will be inventoried by collection. Problem books in the system will be addressed after inventory. Marie suggested Jamie & Dawn to come in on Thursday for a couple hours to work on inventory while the library is closed to be able to focus solely on inventory. Hours worked on the project will be noted separate from open hours. 4CLS came to get the only book in the system books from the weeding project and left behind the ones they didn't want in their library to be donated. Need volunteers and ideas for the 6/6 Head Start spring carnival. Jamie & Dawn will attend. The library will be closed, and a FB post will be made to join us at the event.

Ashley Strickland made a motion to accept the library manager's report seconded by Amand Cheung. Motion carried.

Historical Committee- see attached

Amanda Cheung made a motion to accept the historical committee report and seconded by Ashley Strickland. Motion carried

Old Business- AnnMarie attended the town's 250th celebration planning mtg. They are compiling a commemorative booklet containing historical info, cemetery locations, and celebratory functions like cemetery clean-ups, Memorial Day parade, flag day & fourth of July. A thousand books are being created and it's \$50 to sponsor an ad. Funds will cover booklets, costumes and events. The library will donate \$100 to be in the booklet.

2 hrs. of continuing ed credits must be logged from April to April.

Sexual harassment training needs to be signed

Policy & procedure-please read. They will be voted on at next mtg.

Garden tour- 7/25/26- has 5 definite locations. Need at least 3 more.

Need to sell library items (tote bags, postcards, trivets, plates and donation jar/life member forms) and garden tour tickets at the farmers market on Saturdays 9-12. Will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers with price list to be made. Susan Freyermuth made a motion for Tim Stark to purchase a card table seconded by Amanda Cheung. Motion carried

Library steps will be done by 7/4. Old steps are being removed from premises by Jody Barnes.

New Business- Trustees-Please send Marie a message if you will be absent from a board mtg.

Lawn mowing will be done by Logan from next door for \$25 a visit. Annmarie made a motion to pay Logan \$25 per mow. Seconded by Susan Freyermuth.

Amanda presented info on the NY Forward Grant. Grant is looking to fund enhancing housing, economic development and decarbonization. Gilbertsville is looking for project sponsors to submit proposals. Gilbertsville is also looking for stakeholder letters. Application is due in the fall. Awarded in April 2027. This is a reimbursement grant. Nonprofits receive 100% reimbursement. Projects can take 3-5 yrs. Library projects will be reviewed for next mtg.

Our neighbor would like to put up a fence. Land stakes have been quite possibly moved. Susan Freyermuth made a motion to get a land survey seconded by Tim Stark. Motion carried

Summer reading program to be coordinated by Amy Favinger to begin Thursday 7/9.

In memory of Mr. Jones- ideas include trees, benches, enhancing our outdoor space.

Water bills are going up per quarter.

Upcoming board meeting June 11 at 7:00.

Motion to adjourn at 8:43 was made by Elizabeth Bankus and seconded by Susan Freyermuth. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bankus, secretary