Solomon Wright Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2026
6:00PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call by Bob (chair) at 6:00 PM. In attendance: Bob, Claire, Richard, Julius, Emily; Virtually: Patience, Helen, and Alyssa. Absent: Carol.
2. Bob made a motion to review minutes from June 29, 2026.
3. Treasurer's Report presented by Richard.
    a. Highlights: Terminated Reserve Fund with Vermont Community Foundation; Richard would like to have a vote for consolidated communications bill to come out of Checking Account moving forward.
    b. Need continued discussion on ballot funding (keep as 2 ballot items or combine operations + salary requests). Need 150 signatures for petition. Come with thoughts for September board meeting. Do residents need more clarification on what is being funded (via mailing)? What is the trend with voting for two measures over past three-four years? What makes the library an "essential service" for the Town to thrive?
    c. Request to edit the approved budget so that we have a separate (expanded?) line item for food/snack supplies for local children (currently under Supplies line). Board approves.
4. Director's Report provided by Emily.
    a. Great turnout for second block party of summer - around 75 total!!
    b. Summer reading was a success

c. Satellite coral reef is on display!
d. We can now accept credit cards and Paypal for book sales, totes, copies, etc.
e. Great board participation in Celebrate Pownal Day

5. <u>Committee updates:</u>
   a. Fundraising – Richard
      i. Donations currently are at 82% of budgeted goal amount of $25,000.00. We have received $20,567.00 since the mailing went out in July.
   b. Event Planning – Patience
      i. Need to come up with date that works for combined donor/volunteer appreciation event, likely in October. Bob will check in with committee in a couple of weeks.
   c. Landscape and Maintenance – Julius / Bob
      i. Thanks Claire for all the maintenance in the gardens!
      ii. Coopers are discussing a plaque for memorial tree.
6. <u>Additional business discussed:</u>
   a. Board Secretary – Alyssa will be moving to NY October 1st. Helen is willing to take over responsibilities as interim Secretary until next officer elections.
   b. Tote bags – Richard / Emily
      i. 120 were purchased. Selling $20 each
   c. Approval of Lending Policy / Library of Things
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.