Gilbertsville Free Library

August 25, 2026, Board Meeting

Trustees- Marie Stebbins, Amy Favinger, Susan Freyermuth, Annmarie Hill, Elizabeth

Bankus, Tim Stark, Scarlett Newman, Amanda Cheung, Ashley Strickland

Trustees Absent- Scarlett Newman

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Marie Stebbins, President.

Secretary's Report- attached minutes from the 6/11/26 meeting

Motion to approve minutes was made by Amy Favinger and seconded by Tim Stark. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report- see attached

Town has paid.

AnnMarie made a motion to continue having an annual service agreement with Paul Loitsch for the furnace seconded by Susan Freyermuth. Motion carried

Elizabeth Bankus made a motion to change our fuel service provider to Reese Marshall seconded by Amy Favinger. Motion carried

Garden tour was a success!

Merchant refund was for half used defective toner from Amazon. Thanks Jamie!

Motion to receive the treasurer's report was made by Amanda Cheung and seconded by Amy Favinger. Motion carried

Library Manager- see attached

Print from phone doesn't always work. App needs to be refreshed.

Amy Favinger made a motion to accept the library manager's report seconded by Susan Freyermuth. Motion carried.

Historical Committee- see attached

A 1986 Gilbertsville yearbook was donated by Ronnie Meers completing the collection.

Elizabeth Bankus made a motion to accept the historical committee report and seconded by Amy Favinger. Motion carried

Old Business- Amy Favinger made a motion to move $1,175 from Morgan Stanley to Community Bank checking account to pay land survey seconded by Amanda Cheung. Motion carried

Marie will check about memorial stone bench with Flanigan.

Legal envelopes are needed for letter campaign and will be stamped by Bishop Printing. Donation cards and envelopes are needed. Volunteers can be utilized for folding letters. Letters need to be out by Friday December 4th. Marie has a call into the county to get a list of all the property taxpayers in the Gilbertsville-Mt Upton CSD and the Town of Butternuts. The patron list and life member directory are also used in compiling list for annual letter campaign. Marie will pass the life member list to the secretary.

New Business- AnnMarie will remove the garbage bins behind the library.

George Dempsie has offered to help with Tuesday children's story time but does not want to lead. Ashley Strickland offered to help.

New programming ideas- AnnMarie would like to hold programs on history. Scavenger hunts throughout the library.

October giveback ideas- food pantry donations, mitten & hats

Marie will get visa card to do a raffle after donations are received. Jamie will contact Roberta at the Grange Hall to see about obtaining the tree for Nov & Dec.

Ashley Strickland made a motion to accept AnnMarie Hill as the library historian as a volunteer seconded by Susan Freyermuth. Motion carried

AnnMarie would like a key to access the library in capacity as library historian. This is tabled until the October meeting. Marie will have more keys made.

July 24, 2026, Dawn Gage gave a verbal resignation effective the following day. As previously discussed, Jamie will take over as manager.

AnnMarie Hill made a motion to approve Jamie as the manager of the library, seconded by Susan Freyermuth. Motion carried

Jamie, Elizabeth and Marie interviewed Amanda for the library aide position. Amanda has accepted the pay and the hours.

Ashley Strickland made a motion to accept Amanda Cheung as the Library Aide seconded by Amy Favinger. Motion carried

Tim Stark made a motion to accept Amanda Cheung's resignation from the board seconded by Susan Freyermuth. Motion carried

We hope to have the open board seat filled by April.

Upcoming board meeting Monday, October 19th at 7:00.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 was made by Elizabeth Bankus and seconded by Tim Stark. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bankus, secretary