

Library Board Meeting | February 18, 2026

Meeting Called to Order 4:02 p.m. Present: Director Teresa Weber, Mary Lynch, Linda Georgeson, Bill Bland, Vicki Redenbaugh, and by Zoom Ryan Hogan, Annunziata Feldis

2. Public Comment--None

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting--Motion to Approve Vicki R., Second Linda G., no discussion, Motion carried.

4. Financial Report

(a) General Fund. December 2025 report rec'd. Annual report thereby completed. Budget ending 12/31/25 showed 96.23% adherence to the budgeted amounts with no overruns.

(b) Library Checking. Balance of \$118,000 demonstrates extraordinary giving with appeals, e.g. rummage sale, Friends, etc. Per past decision the current amount in no interest checking account exceeds the maximum amount agreed to in Sept. 2025, so transfer to jumbo savings needed. Motion to transfer \$100,000 to interest earning jumbo by Linda G. Second Bill Bland. Some discussion. Motion carried.

(c) Bills. Teresa noted Ingram catchup, new website under construction with compliance to handicapped access ahead of 3/27 required deadline, i.e. visual impairment; some old graphics for consistency, also enhancements, learning curve. Motion to pay all outstanding bills by Linda G., Second Bill B. Motion carried.

5. Library Director's Report

Teresa W. reported successful involvement of the Library with Core Repair Clinic event, which will be held again at a future date. Also, Library doing well financially. She urged Trustees to explore current and projected needs, such as window cleaning, door upgrades, increased meeting room requests, sound system improvements, security and supervision of school age users, and to brainstorm other areas of need. Discussion followed and placed on further agenda items.**

6. Continuing Business--Report on Appeal Letter

Friends appeal letter of 12/25 highly successful \$11,050 (funds will be directed to Lift replacement, others earmarked to Summer Reading).

7. New Business

(a) Annual Report Approval. Discussion of increased Library usage, especially in childrens' circulation: up from 6500 to 11,862. Currently the Library has 19,428 items in inventory, City circulation outpaced by 4 times the amount by out of city residents, Library has significant return on successful grant writing as well. Motion to approve and submit Annual Report to NWLS by Linda G, Second Vicki R., Motion carried.

(b) Lift. Library has solicited bids from 4 companies with varying responses. Currently one bid received from Arrow at \$56,585. Library urging rapid action so we are placed on the 2026 seasonal work schedule for completion this year.

(c) Copy Machine Contract. Teresa reported the current machine contract has ended and the pros and cons of a new machine versus 3 yrs with current equipment and other cost and speed factors. Motion to approve a new contract for a new machine by Linda G, Second Vicki R. Some discussion. Motion carried, one abstention by Annunziata F.

(d) NWLS Compliance. Motion to approve compliance agreement by Linda G. Second Vicki R. Discussion that we do agree and comply with good faith at all times. Motion carried.

8. Future Agenda Items--Discussion ** above briefly continued. Also, future planning for retaining wall improvement needed now in 2026 for action in 2027, creation of an outline and parameters of structure, hydrology, building materials. Followup recommended with Amber at C & S Engineering, Ashland, who was an excellent assist in tuckpointing project.

9. Adjourn--4:57 p.m. Submitted by L. Georgeson, temporary scrivener