

**Womissing Public Library
Board Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2026**

The meeting was called to Order at 7:01 p.m. by David Walker

Board Members Present: Andrea Bensusan, Jim Christie, Joe DeMarte, David Fake, Rose Kennedy, Victoria Mercuri, Steve Ohnsman, Gretchen Platt, Charlie Perkins, Jennafer Reilly, Heidi Reuter, Annette Vail, Michelle Van Buren, David Walker

Borough Council Representatives: Adam Berkeley and Rick Weinhover

Library Director: Colleen Stamm

David Walker asked Rick Weinhover to introduce the new borough liaison. Rick said that Kristen Gajewski was named the new Borough Council President, so she felt it was best for someone else be the liaison. Rick introduced Adam Berkeley, who will fill the role.

A MOTION was made by Heidi Reuter to approve the January 2026 Board Meeting minutes with one correction by Lindsay Sakmann Rafer which is listed below. The motion was seconded by Lindsay Sakman Rafer. The motion was carried unanimously

- Lindsay Sakmann Rafer asked for a correction to the January minutes. She stated that the minutes should reflect that when we discussed her position as Nominating chairperson the month was November, not September.

President's Report: David Walker

1. David thanked the Wyomissing Borough for its work keeping the sidewalks cleared so patrons and staff could safely access the library after the snow storms.
2. Volunteer Luncheon - David said we need to select a date for the luncheon. Tracy Beaky, who is the chairperson of that committee, was absent. Colleen said she will work with Tracy to select a date as soon as possible.
3. David stated that last month the executive committee met to discuss the 2026 budget. The library was 10% over budget in 2025, but our fundraising also came in 10% higher, so we were able to cover the unanticipated expenses. The executive committee recommended that the finance committee meet with Colleen to look at the 2026 budget and see where we should allocate more funds for expenses such as cleaning costs that have gone up as well as an amortization plan for technology, so we don't have to deal with emergency spending when something needs replacing. Steve stressed that an accurate budget will also help us with our approach to the West Reading Borough for funding.
4. David announced that he met with Ann Sheehan and Colleen to discuss sponsorship opportunities for various library programs/events. David asked the board to look at the list and brainstorm possible sponsors. Rick asked if the current sponsor of the Summer Reading program would be asked to do it again. David said we would give existing sponsors the opportunity to sponsor again.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Ohnsman

1. Steve asked Colleen to clarify the update to the budget. Colleen explained that there was a mix up with the data getting entered on the wrong line. David caught it, and it was fixed in the update.

2. Colleen said we are working on moving our bank accounts to Customers Bank, and she and Steve need to sign some paperwork to get that done.
3. Steve stated that we received more funding from the State than was anticipated and that is reflected in the budget.
4. David Walker asked Steve if there has been progress on a financial advisor. Steve asked for clarification as to whether the advisor would be for managing the Vanguard account or the endowment. David clarified that first we need to get an advisor for the Vanguard account. David and Steve will check past meeting minutes to make sure the board hasn't already voted on hiring a financial advisor. Adam asked if we have someone managing the accounts and David said we are working on a plan developed by our past Treasurer, Jeff Herb. Rose and Annette both advocated for a local advisor. Colleen mentioned that the Vanguard account grew 13% in 2025. Adam said he may know someone who would help with the library's endowment efforts.

Librarian's Report: Colleen Stamm

1. Library Usage Statistics for January 2026
 - a. Materials circulation: 4,018 items. That was a 22% increase compared to the same month last year.
 - b. Overdrive eBooks: 1,260 downloads; that was a 9% increase compared to the same month last year.
 - c. Hoopla: there were 409 accesses for the month; a 2% increase compared to the same month last year.
 - d. People: 4,106 people entered the library; that was a 1% increase compared to the same month last year.
 - e. Computer Users: there were 203 accesses for the month; that was a 14% decrease compared to the same month last year.
 - f. Wireless Internet Users: 197 people used the library Wi-Fi access; a 2% decrease compared to the same month last year.
 - g. Children's programming: 692 patrons participated in the children's activities; that was an 8% increase compared to the same month last year.
 - h. Adult Programming: 211 patrons took part in our activities; a 43% decrease compared to the same month last year.
 - i. AWE Early Literacy Stations: 131 accesses; a 18% decrease compared to the same month last year.
2. Other
 - a. Colleen noted that the drop in adult programming was due to weather closures causing four programs to be rescheduled. All the events have been rescheduled.
 - b. Colleen and Jonathan are working on the state report, which is due in March.

Committee Reports:

1. Fundraising/Community Affairs: David Walker
 - a. The Fundraising committee met via Zoom to discuss the main fundraiser, a Speakeasy event on August 29th. Sub-committees were created and will meet to work during the month. The committee's meeting will be held on the Tuesday before Monday board meetings. The next meeting is 3/10/26. Top priority is communication and marketing for the event. Lindsay and David will work with the committee on bigger sponsors for the event.

- b. Rick clarified that the Wyomissing Borough has approved the event pending two items: proof of insurance and the one-day liquor license and special games of change exception, if needed. Documents should be sent to Michelle Bare. After a brief discussion, the board decided to move ahead with getting the one-day liquor license.
- 2. Association Membership: Jennafer Reilly
 - a. Flyer Progress: Second Draft is out for review plan to send back to Kristin on Wednesday for final draft
 - b. On the Association Report, Colleen explained a revision of donations/members was due to nine donations coming in at the end of 2025 and were not processed until 2026.
 - c. Charlie asked if there were any member association benefits. He is currently researching what other libraries offer to their Friends/Association members.
- 3. Finance committee
 - a. Steve reported that he met with Jim, Colleen, and David in February to discuss a plan for marketing/communicating about the endowment. The committee wants to have a plan and materials in place for the Speakeasy in August to share with attendees. Steve mentioned that we already have a good start on our endowment goal. Jim and Steve want to make a short video promoting the endowment to use as part of the marketing during the event. In addition to having information at the Speakeasy event, they will hold smaller events with potential donors. Their next meeting is 3/9/26.

Old Business

- 1. None

New Business

- 2. None

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Jennafer Reilly

Next Board Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.