

**Wyomissing Public Library
Board Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026**

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

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

Borough Council Representative: Adam Berkeley

Library Director: Colleen Stamm

A MOTION was made by Heidi Reuter to approve the April 2026 Board Meeting minutes with the following adjustments by David Walker: The 2026 budget adjustments on the income side were a \$3,346 increase in State Aid, and an additional \$13,500 from Vanguard account; and on the expenditures side a \$3,000 increase for professional fees, a \$2,000 increase in fundraising expenses, and an \$11,000 increase for Maintenance/Repairs. The motion was seconded by Lindsay Sakmann Rafer. The motion was carried unanimously.

President's Report: David Walker

1. The Franklin Street door has been painted; David thanked the borough for work.
2. David updated the board that we do not need to change the by-laws for quorum because the by-laws state that we only need a majority of the board for quorum, not 10 members. We have 15 members, so we will only need 8 Board members for a majority.
3. David shared that the budget is made in October, so we make it with incomplete information because that is when our budget is due to the Wyomissing Borough. In January, we have all the data we need to make a more accurate budget and that is why adjustments need to be made.
4. Sponsorship: we have two sponsors for the Roaring Stacks Speakeasy fundraiser. David asked the board to call people who have been contacted by Lindsay or David but have not responded. The personal connection will help to get responses.
 - a. Lindsay Sakmann Rafer reviewed the list of potential sponsors and asked board members to commit to calling any one they know personally for Speakeasy sponsorships.
 - b. Colleen Stamm reported that Joe Jurgielewicz donated \$1,000 for the Duck Race.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Ohnsman

1. Steve is going to meet with our bookkeeper, Mary, so she can review and explain to him any anomalies so he can have a more concise summary for the Board. Steve reviewed some of the large expenditures, specifically for eBooks and audio books: they are fees that are paid out twice a year.

Librarian's Report: Colleen Stamm

1. Library Usage Statistics for April 2026
 - a. Materials circulation: 3,631 items. That was a 3% decrease compared to the same month last year.
 - b. Overdrive eBooks: 1,255 downloads; that was a 16% increase compared to the same month last year.
 - c. People: 3,624 people entered the library; that was a 4% increase compared to the same month last year.
 - d. Computer Users: there were 257 accesses for the month; that was a 4% increase compared to the same month last year.

- e. Children's programming: 833 patrons participated in the children's activities; that was a 4% increase compared to the same month last year.
- f. Adult Programming: 438 patrons took part in our activities; a 5% increase compared to the same month last year.
- g. AWE Early Literacy Stations: *Statistics were not available.
- h. Wireless Internet Users: 205 people used the library Wi-Fi access; a -16% decrease compared to the same month last year.
- i. Hoopla: there were 271 accesses for the month; a -38% decrease compared to the same month last year.

2. Other

- a. Colleen noted that the Children's and Adult programming numbers are up.
- b. Ann Sheehan was contacted to host a performance of The Suff's musical; 24 people had registered and 12 people attended the performance.
- c. The library is gearing up for our children's and adult summer reading programs; Daniella will be going to the schools to promote the program..
- d. The library will be at WHEC for the Remake Learning Days on May 21st and 22nd.
- e. The June Board meeting is on the second Monday of the month. It will be held on June 8th.

Committee Reports:

1. Fundraising/Community Affairs - Tracy Beaky

- a. Roaring Stacks Speakeasy - Tracy reported that the event is posted on the website with links to buy tickets, sponsorships, and silent donations. The board will get flyers to distribute around the community. Russo's will be catering the event, and The Bar Cart will be helping with the cocktails. Victorica created a mailer to send to previous Derby party attendees, and the committee is considering a mailing to the Association Membership. Joe DeMarte (Sir Speedy) will be printing the invitations. Tracy discussed advertising the event throughout the borough, such as lawn signs. There was some discussion about getting donations of beer for the event. Tracy said that beer and wine will be secondary to the cocktails. Joe suggested a beer truck for the event, and David noted that it would need to be discussed with the Wyomissing Borough. David suggested advertising the event in BCTV's events calendar. Tracy is working on a press release. Adam suggested clarifying that attendees must be over 21 years old. Colleen announced that the liquor license has been secured and she is working on the event insurance, but we need to find out from the borough what their insurance requirement is. Adam will ask the borough for that information. Kristie Brunner suggested hanging flyers at the YR club and/or The Highlands. Colleen suggested having Anne Sheehan reach out to The Highlands about advertising the fundraiser there. There was some discussion about the types of entertainment that will happen during the event. Tracy said there will be cocktail tasting stations, a silent auction, live music, a bootlegger's journey, and photobooth.
- b. Duck Race - Colleen said that sheets will be handed out for purchasing ducks at the June meeting, and we also have all the licenses for the race.

2. Finance committee: Steve Ohnsman

- a. The finance committee conducted Zoom interviews with two financial advisors but their services are not within our budget at this time. The Committee also decided that FreeWill is not going to work for the Endowment - it is too much of a risk. Steve would like to have materials about the endowment at the Speakeasy to raise awareness.
- b. Charlie Perkins is checking with Vanguard for a pay schedule if we were to use them as financial advisors.

- c. David said our small fundraisers are great for outreach and community building, but they are taxing on the board, and we need something that is more sustainable for the library's operating needs.

Old Business

- 1. None

New Business

- 1. None

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Jennafer Reilly

Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.