Womissing Public Library
Board Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2026

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

Board Members Present: Tracy Beaky, Andrea Bensusan, Kristie Brunner, Joe DeMarte, David Fake, Rose Kennedy, Victoria Mercuri, Danielle Nuhfer, Steve Ohnsman, Charlie Perkins, Lindsay Sakmann Rafer, Jennafer Reilly, Heidi Reuter, Annette Vail, David Walker
Borough Council Representative: None
Library Director: Colleen Stamm

A MOTION was made by Lindsay Sakman Rafer to approve the May 2026 Board Meeting minutes, and it was seconded by Charlie Perkins. The motion was carried unanimously.

President's Report: David Walker

1. Announcements - David clarified his comments during the May meeting about our annual fundraisers: they are essential to our community outreach and essential to our fundraising goals but will not be sufficient to meet our long-term goals.
2. Banking Issue- Thanks to our bookkeeper's vigilance, she noticed there was $15,000 in unauthorized withdrawals from the library's bank account. $12,000 had not been paid out yet and the $3,000 that was paid out was reimbursed by the bank, so the library will be made whole. Our bookkeeper, Mary, filed a report with the Wyomissing Police for the fraudulent activity. The bank suggested using Positive Pay to authorize any pending payments to protect the account. It is a cumbersome process; however, Mary thinks it is a good idea. Colleen needs to look into the service more before making a decision. If we do not use Positive Pay, we would have to close the account and open a new one. There was some discussion on the workflow for writing checks out of the account. Colleen wasn't sure if this was something we needed to vote on. The library is currently able to pay invoices out of another bank account as a backup. Steve asked if the bank has a way to flag unusual payments. Tracy added she feels that it would be up to Mary and others who use the account to decide what to do.
    a. Joe DeMarte made a MOTION and it was seconded by Tracy Beaky to table the discussion until there was more information from Colleen and Mary.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Ohnsman

1. Compared to last year our income is up by $5,000 and expenses are down by $5,000. Association donations were up from last year as well. The Finance committee will need to meet in the next couple weeks.

Librarian's Report: Colleen Stamm

1. Library Usage Statistics for May 2026
    a. Materials circulation: 3,602 items. That was a 4% increase compared to the same month last year.
    b. Overdrive eBooks: 1,380 downloads; that was a 38% increase compared to the same month last year.
    c. People: 4,059 people entered the library; that was a 1% increase compared to the same month last year.

d. Computer Users: there were 257 accesses for the month; that was a -1% decrease compared to the same month last year.
e. Children's programming: 1,034 patrons participated in the children's activities; that was a 35% increase compared to the same month last year.
f. Adult Programming: 244 patrons took part in our activities; a -19% decrease compared to the same month last year.
g. AWE Early Literacy Stations: The statistics are not accessible.
h. Wireless Internet Users: 254 people used the library Wi-Fi access; a 4% decrease compared to the same month last year.
i. Hoopla: there were 361 accesses for the month; a -13% decrease compared to the same month last year.

2. Other
    a. Colleen reported that May was a good month. Children's programming was up 35% because Daniella and Colleen went to WHEC Open House and the Remake Learning event. Daniella and Colleen planned a recycled materials bookmark craft with the first graders. Students made two: one to keep and one to donate to a senior center. Mrs Boeger, the WHEC librarian will hand out Summer Reading bookmarks to students to promote the event.
    b. Colleen said the Early Literacy Stations are working, but we are still unable to get reports from them because the reporting tool is not functioning.
    c. Circulation and OverDrive numbers were up significantly.

Committee Reports:

1. Finance committee: Steve Ohnsman
    a. David Walker revisited the discussion regarding investment management and requested confirmation of the board's direction. Charlie Perkins expressed concerns about moving assets from Vanguard, noting the library's positive experience with the firm, its lower fees, strong recent returns, and the security associated with a large, established investment company. He also noted that the local firms typically charge higher fees and have recommended a portfolio allocation similar to recommendations previously made by former Board Treasurer, Jeff Herb. Colleen explained that Jeff Herb would review the Vanguard accounts quarterly and make recommendations, but no one has assumed that role since his departure from the board. Discussion followed regarding the library's current self-managed account and whether that model remains appropriate without a designated board member overseeing investments. Annette Vail and Lindsay Sakmann Rafer expressed confidence in Steve Pottieger and support for working with a local advisor. Lindsay noted that a local firm may better understand the library and community. Rose Kennedy and David Walker reiterated that a professionally managed account may be preferable if no board member is available to monitor investments. The board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of remaining with Vanguard versus engaging a local financial advisor, including fees, investment oversight, service, community connections, and organizational stability.
        i. Lindsay made a MOTION to hire a local financial advisor and Annette seconded the motion. Motion carried, with one dissenting vote.
    b. The board discussed potentially using two local firms; Victoria Mercuri excused herself from the meeting during the discussion, as she is related to one of the advisors. Steve Ohnsman said both advisors are exceptional people but would suggest going with

Connors because they are local to Wyomissing. Charlie has had positive experiences with Conners and has no objections to them.
    i. Lindsay put forth a MOTION to hire Connors Investors Services and Charlie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
c. Andrea expressed her gratitude for the work the finance committee has done because it is a complicated issue. David also extended his appreciation to the committee.

2. Fundraising: Tracy
    a. Duck Race - Tracey said that a volunteer sign up will be going out to board members as well as sheets to sell ducks. Sheets should be turned into Colleen by July 2nd.
    b. Roaring Stacks - Tracy reviewed a sample program for the Speakeasy event. It included a loose timeline of events. Andrea shared the Mystery Book idea to use as prizes or a raffle and asked the board for book donations. Heidi asked how we get the logos of sponsors - Colleen said that they get emailed to her.
    c. David said we have $4500 in sponsorships. We have 5 bronze sponsors. Heidi got positive responses from the people she spoke to and is waiting for follow up from them.
    d. Invitations are going out this week to past Derby Party attendees and association members who donated $50 or more. After invitations go out, Victoria will be making social media posts to promote the event.
    e. The committee will be meeting often during the summer to continue event planning.

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. None

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Jennafer Reilly

Next Board Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.