

Lanpher Memorial Library Trustee Meeting

February 10, 2026

5:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Chair: Kim Austin Puleio, Vice Chair: Ann Spearing, Treasurer: Jim Noyes, Jo-Anne Ring, Elliott Buelter, Dan Regan, Secretary: Melanie Dickinson, Library Director: Amy Olsen

Changes or Additions: Hannah Weisner Write-In on Ballot for Library Trustee – Need to put information on Front Porch Forum

Friends Report: Amy will be meeting on Friday to discuss with Friends how they would like to proceed with their present situation.

Secretary's Report: Ann made the motion to accept the January 13, 2026 meeting meetings. Seconded by Elliott. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Jim reports all is progressing well currently.

Librarian's Report: Amy's report highlighted upcoming events for the months of February and March. Several grants have been received recently. The MERP grant is progressing with the following projects: replacement and repair of windows, the addition of 3 new mini-splits on the main floor and an a-frame evaporator coil in the furnace room to heat the basement space. Amy is working with Emma Parkerson to develop phase one of the strategic plan. The Red Clover Group will be selling notecards which they have created to donate monies raised to the local Homeless Shelter. As always, thank you Amy for your dedication to the Lanpher Memorial Library.

New Business:

- **Review Reserve Fund and Goals:** The committee has met to determine what funds are available for improvements to the Library. Their recommendation is to reorganize the present plan after the building maintenance schedule has been developed.
- **Discuss and Prioritize Building Maintenance Report:** The Building Maintenance Committee (Jim, Kim, and Jo-Anne) will meet next week to review Mike Paradee's building maintenance report and decide which projects need to be completed at this time so the Library can be included in Mike's work schedule.
- **Spring Backyard Project:** Committee will meet with Mike Paradee for planning and scheduling.
- **Staff Evaluation Forms Distributed:** Evaluation forms should be completed by February 24th.

- **Motion by Ann:** I move that on the occasion of Melanie Dickinson's retirement from the LML Board of Trustees the other board members offer congratulations and thanks for her 15 years of exceptional service. Melanie has been the energy behind every aspect of the annual book sale. She has been a major supporter of the annual Wishing Tree project, helping school children tie their wishes to the tree branches. She has also organized the annual appeal each year. Melanie has been a superb secretary with her detailed minutes, her memory of what happened over the years and her bringing to our meetings many historical facts. Melanie, thank you so very much for being gracious in all matters and for being you. The motion was second by Jim. All in favor.
- A motion was made by Jo-Anne to honor Melanie as an Associate Trustee. Seconded by Jim. All in favor.

Adjournment: Jo-Anne made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ann. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.

After the meeting, a retirement party for Melanie was given by the Trustees with dinner, cake, and gifts. She was very honored by their thoughtfulness.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- *Election of Officers*
- *Executive Session for Library Director Evaluation*
- *Committee Review*

Next Meeting: March 10, 2026