

North Wales Area Library Board Meeting Minutes
September 2025

Present: Suzan Leonard, Jackie Oberholtzer, Hailey Nelson, Pam Wilson, Tanya Bamford, Jen DiMario, Jeffery Ferguson, Pam Gallagher, Megan Jeong, Regina Powell, Jocelyn Tenney, Jennifer Koch

Absent: Joye Bramble

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the August meeting were approved per motion by Jackie, second by Jocelyn.

Financial report/Hailey: Normal expenses for the month. Additional gala money will be reflected later. Still waiting for 25K from Montgomery Township. To meet budget, another 45K in general appeals/donations is needed. Total cash position is 486K, with about 200K related to two large grants.

Facilities/Jennifer: Still awaiting some equipment to begin HVAC project. Work is likely to begin within two weeks. Light timer has been replaced.

Presidents Report/Suzan:

- Gala – Lovely event, everyone had a good time. Nice to see some new faces.
- Bylaws: Suzan had emailed edited bylaws for Board consideration. A subsequent version emailed by Jennifer included concepts not previously discussed by Board, prompting concern over protocol re submission of those revisions. Tanya motions to table recommendations in the later submission and instead adopt version presented by Suzan, leaving open the possibility of future discussion. Pam W. seconds. Unanimous approval. Jocelyn motions to create an ad hoc committee to discuss additional changes to the bylaws. Jen D. seconds. Megan and Jeffery will be on the committee. Unanimous approval. Expect report in 2026.
- Meet-and-Greet with municipal leaders: Jocelyn suggests compiling information on municipalities and contacts. Jen K. is actively networking with local officials. If an in-house event is held, Jen K. suggests scheduling after 11/6 art installation in library. Tanya, Suzan and Jackie will spearhead outreach to municipalities.
- Library expansion: Met with two other groups (in addition to Precis) that can provide quotes on expansion designs. Options are to go up, go out, and/or cover the pavilion for

additional space. Pam G. suggests a focus on Strategic Planning to sort through big expansion ideas. Jen will collect quotes for discussion at next meeting.

- Events:
 - NW Community Day on 9/27.
 - Pour House Dine and Donate on 10/8
 - Paranormal Night on 10/11
 - Montgomery Township Autumn Festival on 10/18
 - Holiday Marketplace on 11/1

Library Report/Jen K.:

- Gala was a success. Total profit will be just over 19K. JK would like to try a Snow Ball next year. Pam G. suggests next event could include drinking water on tables, coffee station, name consistency (snowball gala?), perhaps honoring community member.
- Letter was sent to Upper Gwynedd Township requesting 70K for 2026 funding.
- NWAL Staff is CPR-certified as of today.
- Sponsorship letters going out first week of October for corporate sponsorships at budget time. Hoping to get support for Taste/Gala.

No new business. No old business.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:59 PM per motion by Jackie, second by Jocelyn.

The next meeting of the NWAL Board will be on Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 PM.