

North Wales Area Library Board Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2026

Attendance: Jeff Ferguson, Megan Joung, Suzan Leonard, Hailey Nelson, Regina Powell, Pam Wilson, Tanya Bamford, Jackie Oberholtzer, Yvette Loftus, Pam Gallagher, Jocelyn Tenney, Jennifer DiMario, Joye Bramble, and Library Director Jennifer Koch

Absent: Jeff Ferguson

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm

Approval of Minutes: February meeting minutes approved per motion by Joye, seconded by Pam Gallagher- approved with a unanimous vote.

Presidents Report/Tanya:

Tanya meeting with board colleagues - coffee/cocktail sessions - she will be scheduling everyone else soon.

Reached out to Montco Works board for funding available for strategic plan. A grant opportunity is available, but doesn't open up until September. Received \$2k for Montco foundation - could be used to offset cost. Cost for plan is \$10k and can pair it down for a lower amount. Tanya will forward email so we can review. Consideration and conversation about keeping money in foundation fund or taking out to offset costs. Pam G thinks we should look at strategic plan at the lower cost of \$5-6k.

Pam G says we have done a strategic plan before, but we struggled to reach the goals they set for it.

Tanya mentioned BLBB advisors - could be another source of funding for the library

Financial Report/Hailey: 2026 YTD - first 2 months in a slight deficit of \$4k. Have only received a state budget. Township/borough money coming later. Cash position - \$222k. Pam G approved, Megan second motion. Approved with a unanimous vote.

Facilities/Jennifer/Joye: Carpet and new flooring signed. Colors match the library walls. Gifted a stock to replace the flooring. End of April children's section new shelving will be received. Wanted to get the laminate flooring done before children's section shelves installed (they need to be screwed into the floor). Flooring prices from highly recommended company came in at a great price. Can come in on the 26th of April (Sunday) to start the job. Shelves arrive on the 29th - when they are being installed, the rest of the library will be carpeted. Can shut down the library for a week. Teen and children's section will be cleared on the 25th of April - teen volunteers coming. ReStore coming in to pick up old shelving/chairs/tables. Money received for adult section. Javier will receive \$1500 for painting. Reached out to Jason Joung to see if his team can help volunteer again. If we update the rest of the shelving (\$125k) we gain 400 sq ft for the children's section. 2 CDs are maturing today and tomorrow, each of \$10k according to Hailey, can use those CDs for the flooring deposit. Motion to approve use of funds for flooring Gina, second by Jackie. Suzan is a no, everyone else approved. Motion to close the library

(April 25th at 3pm - reopening at May 5th) approved by Joye second by Suzan. Pam G abstained, everyone else in favor.

Device on water line that needs to be tested every 2 years and it has not been tested in several years.

Taste/Pam G/Jackie - No response from Bacco - a key vendor previously. Signs have been put up. Progress is going ok so far. Stove and Tap said they want to be a vendor. Its been hard to get vendors this year. Suggested to order a charcuterie tray in entrance from Wegmans. Half of what we had before. We also don't have the sponsors that we did previously. We should target 4 vendors from the list to get them to come. Jen DiMario said she would stop in at some restaurants in Skippack to see if they are interested. Jeff is meeting with Wister BBQ and Backyard Beans on Friday. 59 tickets so far. Vendors were told that we could help support their table with volunteers. Flik at Merck - need to follow up. Program book was sent in email

Friends report/Yvette - Yvette met with Joseph at NWWA. Didn't have an update on dine and donate from Bonefish grill.

Directors Report/Jennifer: Application finished for gold star - need to present on literacy program Pa Forward. September 26th is NW Community Day - \$50 for booth being sent in. \$2k endowment - Suzan opposed, everyone else approved. Motion carries to accept. Received \$1500 in anonymous grant from paypal. Got \$5000 from Merck, Harleysville \$250, Univest usual sponsor. Auto renewals at least once, have moved to a system where your book will auto renew for another 3 weeks.

Partnership with transportation, they will be putting 2 bikes under pavilion. No cost to us. Montgomery township already pay membership fee. Will be locked up out back and individuals can sign them out like a library book.

New Business: Megan suggested having a form the night of Taste for vendors to fill out and agree to the next year's event. Jackie asked Megan to make a short survey to agree to Taste.

Blue Moon Duo is now a Trio.

Meeting adjourned at pm 8:00 pm per motion by Joye. Approved by unanimous vote.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday April 25, 2026 at 6:30 PM.