

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

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

Absent: Jennifer DiMario, Pam Gallagher

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Approval of Minutes: January meeting minutes approved per motion by Suzan, seconded by Pam W - approved with a unanimous vote.

Presidents Report/Tanya:

Meeting with Kirk and Marcia Fields - Did not want to have award named after them - but warmed up to idea.

Best opportunity for donations is from previous donors. Should run a donor report to be able to meet with previous donors

Strategic Planning: No update - Montco workforce development board - might qualify for a grant

Coffee Meetings: Invitations have sent for individual meetings for coffee or cocktails with Tanya

Financial Report/Hailey: Annual state funds have come in - \$35k, about \$14k for year end appeals. Cash went up. PECO bill over \$1000 for January

Facilities/Jennifer: Successful volunteers from Merck. In the paper again talking about the renovation with the volunteers. Javier is in on Friday/Saturday is going to continue painting. Money in the grant to give him. March 2nd YA shelving will be received. April Teen section shelving. Shelving will match the walls with a different setup. Making sure its ADA complaint. Looking at quotes for flooring - get rid of carpet, more user/environmentally friendly. Need a \$ amount to apply for grants. Alarms were inspected and account updated – if there is a fire Jennifer will be contacted.

Taste of Montgomery - North Wales Borough waived fee for banner. Pam G will deliver to township building. Meeting March 4th - payments made and contracts signed. Jennifer reached out to Merck to apply for grant they usually get. Program sent via google drive, Jennifer uses one drive. Vendors and letters usually start going out in December, waiting until last minute. Can give link for givebutter. Yard signs - need to be updated or replaced. If it will cost money to update yards, don't do it. Jeff knows a guy who does stuff at a lower cost, can ask for help with signs. Jackie can send information to Tanya.

Friends report/Jennifer - new date for used book sale - May 8th and 9th, October 2nd and 3rd
4 dine and donates - Bonefish Grill, Metropolitan, Shake Shack and Pour being finalized
Friends will pay for summer kickoff foam party

Directors Report/Jennifer: A lot going on, Jennifer is overwhelmed. With the painting and organizing, as well as art in entrance from North Penn. Continued with regular programming throughout January. Women's symposium - only 2 tickets sold. New Orleans night was a hit. 4 activity booths set up - 50-60 people. Regina partnered with library to do bring your child to the library. 5-6 booths set up with guide dogs. Lots of people signed up for library cards. Very successful day. Maybe can partner with other libraries to bring it to them as well. State report is due March 2nd. Gala update: Jen is working with a playwright to talk about what they do during VIP hour. Deposit paid for Joseph Ambler Inn. Colors: blue/gold/ivory - reached out to Ambler Savings bank they donated to gala last year, asked to partner again

Scholarship: someone who is graduating from NP - have to have volunteered at library for 2 years and write an essay. Only one person has been volunteering for 2 years, but they are not a senior

Training dates: Training in April at Temple - non profit training. Going to directors academy. Erin will attend leadership academy for certification. Staff meeting Friday at noon to review March calendar to make sure they are communicating. Team would like to see a strategic plan and how we can all partner instead of working in silos. Montgomery township has 5,000 patrons. UG has 6000 patrons. Increased by over 2,000 patrons. 30,000 active patrons at the library. Suzan says discussions need to happen on direction of strategic plan - realistically have we have outgrown this small place. Does a 2nd story work if we don't have parking. Should we stay here and fix this place up - is this still the place we should be at.

Laptops are still not in service: Reboot restore - microsoft office need \$1300 - volunteers have offered to install. Motion to approve make purchase: Jeff motioned to approve, Joye second - unanimous vote

Air purifiers not here yet

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm per motion by Suzan and second by Joye. Approved by unanimous vote.

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