

Minutes for Board Meeting on 10/26/2026

Attendance: John Schwartz, Laura Crawford, Dan McGuire, Kathi Bell, Jay Githens, Peggy Doud, Lara Owczarski, Shelley Augustine,

1. Minutes from March Meeting: Reviewed. Jay moved to approve, Laura seconded. All approved.

2. Report from Friends of the Library: [Treasurer Report](#) and [President's Report](#)

We are receiving a very generous donation from Turning Point who is building a solar farm in Bristol. Peggy was able to negotiate a 3.7% interest rate with Midland Bank on a 7 month CD. Kathi moved that we invest \$20k from our reserves into the 7 month CD and will invest another \$20,000 when we receive the money from Turning Point. Jay seconded this motion. All approved. We still have not received the check from the Panera fundraiser. Peggy has been in touch with them but there has been an unknown delay.

3. Old Business: We received an EIN so now we have two. Peggy has been trying to contact the IRS to clarify which one we should be using but has had no luck. She is using new EIN for any paperwork with the state and IRS. Tax exempt has been a success with Amazon and Oriental Trading Company. We've used it once with Home Depot but they need more information from us.

4. New business: We have an overabundance of children's books. We have several boxes to donate around Christmas time to the food pantry. Quick update on mini-golf. There's no pressure to make this our big fundraiser for the year so we're trying to make it a more community event. We're still pursuing sponsorships but it's no sweat if we don't get them. We're in contact with some non-profits about having a presence.

5. From Shelley: An architecture company has been hired to do a space needs assessment. They will want to be hearing from the community, possibly setting up focus groups to hear about wants and needs. Shelley is working on our records retention archive researching what to keep and for how long. Per DOJ the library website has to be ADA accessible and there is a hard deadline of April 2028. Work in progress. They had a staff inservice training day: Trained on use of fire extinguishers, disaster prep, emergency shutoffs in the mechanical room. There is a push to have more personal stories to advocate for the library. There is a new IT company which is taking care of network security, computer updates and disaster recovery. Shelley is on WSPY every other month talking library events.

6. Input from the Board: Kudos all around.

7. Date of Next Meeting: April 5, 2027 at 4:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.