LANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes for the Lansdale Public Library Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2025

I. Call to Order - 6:06pm

II. Roll Call (Quorum)

A. In Attendance: Mindy Lee Lipsky, Mary Fuller, Brianna Breish, Darian McKenzie, Alex Turock, Meg Currie Teoh, John Ernst, Ryan Weiss, Meredith Sossman (virtual); one vacant seat remains

III. Mission Minute – How did the library mission show up in the community this month?

A. New initiatives - Blind Date with a Book Club, Zine workshop, Read Alouds at Founder's Day

B. Community Events - Health fair, Malagari's fair, Founder's Day, Spooky Soiree

IV. Consent Agenda - See Folder in this month's Board Packet - The chair asks board members if they want to exclude an item from the consent agenda and move it to regular discussions.

A. Approval motion by Turock, second by Currie Teoh; all approve

1. Meeting Minutes – June 2025, August 2025
2. Director Report Acknowledgement
3. Proposed 12 Holidays for 2026 (Need for State)

V. Treasurer's Report – Alex Turock

A. Financial support was requested from Borough Council to help library through end of the year (note: Oct/Dec are 3 payroll months).

B. Borough Council approved additional request for $55,000 at last night's meeting, enough to support library through until the next Admin/Finance Committee meeting, where additional questions can be answered and financial updates can be given.

C. By receiving State Aid in 2026, Lipsky does not anticipate being back in this position next year.

D. Ideally, shared services between the Library and Borough moving forward will allow for the creation of an Emergency Fund or Building Fund.

E. Many cost-saving measures will come to fruition next year

VI. Development Report – Meredith Sossman - via Zoom

A. Recent apparel was intended to be data-driven and to gather information, but it has made more money than expected, which is a good sign for next year.
B. Grants
    a. Grants have been changing since earlier this year both at the Federal and State levels. Private grants have become focused on basic needs, so we need to apply for even more to increase the chance of getting money back.
C. Ideas shared for potential events in the future

VII. Old Business

A. Open Board Seat Discussion
    a. Consider Patrons' Advisory Board for interested applicants
    b. Offer will be made by Fuller to fill 3-year vacancy ahead of the new year
B. Development Discussion
C. Founder's Day at the Library Recap
    a. Moved "stamp" sticker location to the back to encourage visitors to walk through library
    b. Silent auction did not resonate with people
D. MOU with Borough
E. Newsletter launch (sent 10-14-25)
    a. Will be monthly to highlight programming and upcoming events
    b. Will continually promote "no membership fees"

VIII. New Business

A. Items moved from Consent Agenda to Discussion - n/a
B. Budget 2026 and supporting documents - *see notes above*; for review and will be approved in the future;

IX. Announcements

X. Public Comment

XI. Adjournment - 7:50pm