LANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Agenda for the Lansdale Public Library Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2026

6:00 PM – Caucus Room Borough Hall

I. Call to Order - 6:04pm

II. Roll Call (Quorum)

A. In Attendance: Mindy Lee Lipsky, Mary Fuller, Darian McKenzie, Alex Turock, John Ernst, Meredith Sossman

B. Absent: Brianna Breish

C. Two vacant seats remain

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

A. Staff training on 2/5/26 yielded positive engagement and feedback

B. Children's book circulation is up over 70%. Saturday storytimes are beginning with "grand opening" this weekend with hot cocoa bar

C. Focus on adult programming this year

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 New Business discussions. 1-6-26 Consent Agenda - Approval motion by Turock, second by McKenzie. All approve.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 2025

B. Director Report Acknowledgement

V. Treasurer's Report – Alex Turock

A. The library finished 2025 will a small revenue.

VI. Development Update – Meredith Sossman

A. Review of funding from previous year, including grants and individual appeals.

B. Looking ahead, Sossman is exploring partnerships (including around STEM) and smaller events for local businesses to get involved in.

C. Sossman is exploring partnerships with small businesses and corporate sponsorships, as well as individual donors and grants. We can consider naming conventions with programs and resources.

D. The library is moving to LGL, a new donor database, which should be a better fit for our needs.

E. Looking ahead, Sossman would like to partner with Malagari ahead of Lansdale's 100th anniversary. In the run up to 2028, we could partner with local businesses with 3-year partnerships of planned giving over three years.

VII. Old Business

A. Department of the Borough 2026 Discussion

1. Discussion occurred around the restructuring of the library as a department of Lansdale Borough with a Foundation as a 501c3 that would fundraise. These steps would ensure the longevity of the library, as well as the partnership with the Borough.

B. Budget 2026 and supporting documents LPL - Working 2026 Budget with Supporting Data.xlsx

C. Ratify E-Vote for Budget 2026 and Cost of Living increase for staff - Board approved the Budget by electronic vote on 1/5/26 with an approval motion by Turock, second by McKenzie.

D. Open Board Seats Vote x2

1. Sossman will meet with selected potential Board Members to provide updates on possibility restructuring of the Library and Board. Board will discuss at next meeting.

VIII. New Business

A. Items moved from Consent Agenda to Discussion – If Necessary

B. Schedule of Meetings for 2026 – Quarterly with Committees on off months (See next page for Suggestion)

1. Next meeting date to be determined.

IX. Announcements

X. Public Comment

XI. Adjournment - 7:53pm

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2026 Full Board Meeting Schedule:

~~January 6th, 2026 – Annual Meeting – 6 PM – Council Chambers Borough Hall~~ Rescheduled for February 5, 2026

May – Review Q1 Ending March 31st, 2026 and Strategic Planning

August – Review Q2 Ending June 30th, 2026 and Strategic Planning

November – Review Q3 Ending Sept 30th, 2026, Budget Review

**December following Borough Budget Approval - E vote to approve budget then ratify at annual meeting in January – If employees of the borough this will not be necessary.

Committees:

Finance Committee

· February – 2025 Q4,

· April – 2026 Q1,

· July – 2026 Q2,

· October – 2026 Q3 Plus Budget

Development – Fundraising & Corporate

Development – Events

Governance – Bi-laws & Policies