LANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Agenda for the Lansdale Public Library Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 9th, 2026
6:30 PM – Room 201 Borough Hall

I. **Call to Order - 6:34pm**

II. **Roll Call (Quorum)**

a. In Attendance: Mindy Lee Lipsky, Mary Fuller, Darian McKenzie, Brianna Breish, John Ernst, Josh Camson, Mike Yetter, Alex Turock (6:55pm arrival),

i. Introduction of Mike Yetter, new to Library Board

b. Two vacant seats remain

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

a. Usage highlights were shared with Board, including 2025 vs. 2026 statistics and development income to date

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. 6-9-26 Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 2-5-26 - Approval motion by Turock, second by Yetter. All approved.
b. Discussion of moving away from Consent Agenda
    i. To allow for item discussion, Motion to not approve Consent Agenda, thus enabling discussion, made by Turock, second by Breish. All approved.
c. Director Report Acknowledgement
    i. Ernst will explore possibilities of acquiring a dumpster for 2024 Flood damage removal, as well as avenues for replacing windows
    ii. $75,000 ERB grant (for general operating) was received, helping to offset the shortfall in the regular budget.
    iii. Grants for Safety
        1. Malagari recommended the PCCD grants for updated doors, but LPL did not qualify.
        2. Additional grants are being explored.
        3. Suggestion made to consider a written risk assessment from Police to support grants.

iv. Dollar General Grants have been given less to libraries than in the past. Lipsky is awaiting the announcement of one additional grant.

V. **Treasurer's Report** – Alex Turock
   a. A request was made for consolidated budget reports moving forward to allow for a consolidated Treasurer's Report.
   b. Discussion of revenue, grants, and individual donations
   c. Discussion and clarification of classification issues on budget
      i. We are presently paying for gas for 2025 and need to ensure this is correctly noted so future budgeting accurately reflects 2026 expenditures.

VI. **Development Update** – Meredith Sossman

VII. Old Business

   a. Department of the Borough 2026 Discussion: Library as a Department Documentation
      i. Historically, LPL governance has experienced many changes (Community Board; Borough Council as the Board; bylaws changes to move governance to a Board with both community and Borough Council representation).
         1. Presently, 501c3 oversees fundraising and governance.
      ii. Currently, both LLA and Lansdale Borough support financial operations in a way that is complicated and can be confusing.
      iii. This conversation seeks to either explicitly clarify and/or make structural governance changes for the future to reduce present complications.
      iv. The Board feels it is important to maintain a governing Library Board with community representation who have a passion for the library.
      v. Lipsky shared that maintaining staff, including ensuring healthcare for full-time staff, is a priority.
      vi. PA Library Code must be considered to ensure we are not in violation of code if/as changes are made.
      vii. It is believed that LLA presently owns the deed to the building.
      viii. Lipsky is working to identify the actual amount of money needed to run the library, accounting for services the Borough pays for that are not presently accounted for in the budget.
      ix. The 2025 millage went down to .25 from .73 in 2024, which needs to be explored moving forward. This could be itemized if the Library were a department of the Borough.
      x. In addition to exploring legal counsel through previous contacts (see below), PANO and Library Consultant Kate Shaw could be possible resources in the future.
      xi. A proposed structure that would have LLA maintain governance (i.e. control of policies, finances, programs, services; own building, assets, materials) and Borough acting as Operator through an MOU (i.e. Director hired at the recommendation of the Board) will be explored. In this

model, full-time staff would be employees of the Borough, rented out to the Library.

1. Clarification would be needed around capital/building improvements and contracting the Borough for shared services

xii. Next Steps

1. Ernst and Camden will connect with contacts regarding legal counsel (Patrick Hitchen and Mark Turetsky, respectively), specifically exploring a structure that would explore Borough renting employees.
2. Lipsky will connect with IT about access to SharePoint
3. Lipsky will connect with Chief Devlin or Fire department about potential for Risk Assessment report
4. Need to explore possibility of adding a rider to municipal insurance
5. Clarification needed around why the millage amount moving forward
6. Yetter will support ongoing communication to Borough Council moving forward

VIII. New Business

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

IX. Announcements

X. Public Comment

XI. Adjournment - 9:11pm

See Schedule on other side

LANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2026 Full Board Meeting Schedule:

June 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM room 201 at Borough Hall

July 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM room 201 at Borough Hall

August 11, 2026, at 6:30 PM room 201 at Borough Hall

September 8, 2026, at 6:30PM room 201 at Borough Hall

October 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM room 201 at Borough Hall

November 10, 2026, at 6:30PM room 201 at Borough Hall

December 8, 2026, at 6:30 PM room 201 at Borough Hall

Committees:

Finance Committee: Alex T. Chair

- February – 2025 Q4,
- July – 2026 Mid-Year Review Q1, Q2,
- October – 2026 Q3 Plus Budget

Development – Fundraising & Corporate

- Spring Appeal
- Buy a Summer Reading Title from School List
- Blind Date with a Book
- QNB – Batting for Books

Development – Events

- May 20th Margarita's 20% Fundraiser
- TBD – Tattoo and Basket Raffle Fundraiser
- August 1st through August 15th – Dino Escape Fundraiser

Governance – Bi-laws & Policies