



## Whipple Free Library

There's Always Another Chapter

### Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees

February 17, 2026

**Present:** Kerri Kelley, Susan Hansen, Christa Snyder, John Fladd, Michael Constance, Jennifer Allocca, Jacob Fields, and Tanya Ricker (Library Director)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Kerri Kelley, Chair.

#### **Recurring Business:**

- **Minutes: Susan**
  - January Minutes reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as amended to add “income from dividends/capital gains” regarding the trust payment by John. Motion seconded by Jennifer. Vote unanimous.
  
- **Treasurer’s report: Jennifer**
  - December Treasurer’s Report reviewed. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report by Susan. Motion seconded by John. Vote unanimous.
  - January Treasurer’s Report reviewed. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report by John. Motion seconded by Jacob. Vote unanimous.
  
- **Library Director’s Report: Tanya**
  - Staff Outing - Everyone enjoyed the celebration at the escape room and hibachi dinner.
  - AJ LeBlanc will be here on February 26th to install the water filling station.
  - Tanya will work with Carol Hulik from the community Church to coordinate community calendars.
  - Tanya applied for the ScottsMiracle-Gro US grant to purchase seeds for a new community garden. Tanya thinks there’s enough community support to run the program even if the library doesn’t get the grant.
  - Tanya also applied for another grant for the community room to replace the exterior door, screen and to make the room more ADA accessible.
  - Staff reviews are in process right now. All staff members were requested to submit a log of their daily tasks prior to their review.
  - The Library will be collaborating more with the Recreation Department this summer. There is a possibility that a summer camp group will be housed at the library to offer more space for children in the program. The library will also

coordinate a Summer Reading finale with the Rec Department as well. Tanya expects there will be more collaboration with the Rec Department in the future.

- The food pantry has been well received by the community.
  
- **Friends Report: Susan**
  - Planning the upcoming auction is underway.
  - The Friends are moving their meetings to 10:30am on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.
  
- **Facilities Maintenance: Jake**
  - Jake will submit the February water sample this week.

#### **Business Carried Over from Last Meeting**

- MOU town - Jennifer made a motion to accept the MOU as amended and to send it to the Select Board. Seconded by John. All trustees in favor.
- HVAC usage. An inspector is going to check the installation to make sure the heat pumps are installed correctly. Tanya will continue to explore ways to reduce the energy costs of the heat pumps.
- The new AV system seems to be working well. The sound quality has greatly improved.
- The HB 1214 bill died in committee for lack of support.
- March Elections will be held on March 10th. Two candidates are running for two Trustees positions: Mike Pare and Susan Hansen.

#### **New Business:**

- Meeting Room Usage Policy reviewed.
- The Foundation is starting a \$1000 Barbara Ballou Service Scholarship and is funded until 2045. Kerri will represent the trustees on the selection committee.
- NHLTA Spring Conference is Wednesday, May 27th.

#### **Calendar of Events:**

- March 17: Trustee meeting at 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:43 pm by Jennifer. Motion seconded by Jake. All trustees in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Hansen, Secretary