



Library Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2026

Library Mission: To advance Derry Township through innovative programming, collections, and services that support the diversity of our community.

Present: Sandy Ballard, Beth Shaw, Karen Golin, John DeFrank, Cheryl Dellasega, Alison Jacobine

Absent: Bruno Bellucci, Jordan Yeagley

1. *Call to Order:* Karen called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. *Public Comment:* No members of the public were present
3. *Approval of Minutes:* Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2025 Board of Library Directors meeting. Beth seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. *Reports of Representatives:*
 - a. *Friends of the Library:* Alison gave the report on Caroline's behalf. The Friends of the Library are preparing for several events as part of the Hershey Reads program. The culmination of the program will be Kate Quinn's visit on April 11 at Hershey High School.
 - b. *Endowment Trust:* Alison stated that Darby had no report since the Endowment had not met since the last Library Board meeting.
5. *Old Business:* – No Old Business
6. *New Business:*
 - a. *Election of Board Officers:* Karen handed the meeting over to Alison for the election. Alison opened the floor to create a slate of officers. The proposed slate was Karen Golin as President, John DeFrank as Vice President, and Cheryl Dellasega as Secretary. Sandy made a motion to approve the slate. Karen seconded the slate. The slate of nominees was unanimously approved.
7. *Financial Report:* Alison presented the financial report through December of 2025. She noted that the library had 3% of their budget left at the end of the year. As there were new board members, Alison offered to review the different line items in the Financial Report at the next meeting. All board members present were interested in this offer. Alison will review the different line items at the next meeting.
8. *Communications:* There were no communications in November/December 2025.



9. *Staff Reports:* Alison presented the data for November and December. December was a surprisingly busy month even though it is normally quiet and there were a few days when the library was partially closed due to snow.

Alison also presented a powerpoint of upcoming projects in 2026 at the library. Many of the projects are aimed at making the patron experience clearer and more streamlined. The highlight was a new website is coming in 2026! She also outlined upcoming building projects such as the window replacement and planned work on updating library policies. The library policy work includes updating the Local Author and Collection Development Policies to address the use of AI as well as updating the Meeting Room Policy to address the higher demand on meeting rooms. Cheryl asked if Aly was planning to hold an AI class. Alison said it was in the works. John asked if the library's privacy policy was governed by FERPA. Alison said she would check and see.

10. *Adjournment:* Sandy made a motion to adjourn; Cheryl seconded the motion, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:43 pm.

The next meeting of the Hershey Public Library Board of Directors is 7 PM on March 17, 2026