

Lanesboro Public Library Board
Wednesday, March 11th – 5:00 p.m.
Lanesboro City Council Chambers

Present: Gwen Harmon, Mary Junko-Isle, Anna Lane, Mindy Albrecht-Benson

Absent: Sjeila Goetzke

Staff: Mitchell Walbridge, Luke Wahl

Vice Chairperson Lane called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

A. Public Comments

- Sandra Webb: The Lanesboro Community Theatre play is A Wrinkle in Time which is a powerful story about love triumphing over hate. They plan on doing a community read with the Friends of Lanesboro Library who also purchased copies to make available to the public at the Lanesboro and Preston Libraries. Sandra invited the library board members to join.

B. Agenda Approval

- Member Albrecht-Benson moved to approve the agenda as presented, Member Lane seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting, February 4, 2026

- Member Junko-Isle noted corrections needed to her comment on the circulation report. Member Albrecht-Benson moved to approve the minutes with the suggested change, Member Lane seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

D. Financial Report

a. Rose Bell Memorial Fund

b. Donations Fund

c. 2026 Budget YTD

- Member Junko-Isle clarified with City Administrator Walbridge that the payment to Walbridge was a reimbursement.

d. Approval of Bills

- Member Albrecht-Benson moved to approve the bills as provided, Member Harmon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

E. Circulation Report

- Library Director Wahl noted 6 new library cards and that the circulation could have been impacted by onboarding and staff turnover. Wahl and the Library Assistant are currently working on a system for door counts and are presently counting by hand - they are also tracking what times people are in the library.

Committee & Staff Reports

A. City Council

- None to share.

B. Friend of the Library Liaison

- Member Junko-Isle shared that there was a full turnout for the puzzle competition with two separate puzzles. There were gift certificates given to the first and second place team for each puzzle.

C. SELCO Board Liaison

- None to share.

D. Director's Report

- Director Wahl introduced himself and shared about his background. He noted that he is currently working on orienting himself to the job, city, and is working with the Preston Library Director. The new Library Assistant, Ruth is doing well and is currently working on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Director Wahl informed the board that he has applied for three grants for summer programming and the children's room and that he is working on scheduling programming for the rest of the year.

Continued Business

A. Consider Appointment of Board Member to SELCO Board

- Member Albrecht-Benson moved to appoint Member Harmon to the SELCO board as the Lanesboro Public Library representative, Member Lane seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Discuss Library Board Book Talk

- Member Lane noted that the book talk was canceled in February. Member Albrecht-Benson pointed out that some of the social media materials and flyers were calling it a book club. Member Lane reiterated that the plan is to have a different genre each month and participants will share a book from that genre.

C. 100th Anniversary of the Lanesboro Public Library

- City Administrator Walbridge noted that as library staff are planning events for the 100th anniversary - it would be helpful to get some board guidance. Member Junko-Isle suggested working with community partners. Member Albrecht-Benson proposed aiming for one event per quarter, and Member Lane agreed. Member Junko-Isle reiterated that the library staff should communicate with FOLL so there wouldn't be duplicate events and to maximize celebration.

New Business

A. Consider Approval of the 2025 Minnesota Public Library Annual Report

- Director Wahl gave the board an overview of the Minnesota Public Library Annual Report, noting changes from 2024 that could be related to lower programming, differences in reporting and logging, and staff turnover. Wahl specifically noted that both volunteers and in-kind records are different due to lack of information, Member Junko-Isle suggested talking with FOLL to see if they had any information. Member Albrecht-Benson moved to approve the 2025 Minnesota Public Library Annual Report, with any changes needed after Director Wahl talks with Friends of Lanesboro Library; Member Harmon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Vice Chairperson Lane adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Junko-Isle
Secretary