

Eden Library Board of Trustees
January 12, 2026

Library board president Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. In attendance were Paula Blandino, Linda Meyer, Bettyann Neifer, Jon Wilcox, Susan Wilhelm and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster.

The minutes of the December 8, 2025 were read. A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Susan to accept the minutes as read. This was passed.

Director's Report

The director reported on statistics for the month. Overall, door count was low in December although there was an excellent turn out for the University Express program as well as the bell choir performance. She noted that most of the libraries in the system are experiencing lower numbers.

The new "Open" flags are here but they have not been put out because of the bad weather. The fabric of these feels much thinner than the previous ones we had. There was discussion concerning just getting some inexpensive, seasonal ones to use during the winter months or bad weather. Susan said that she used to have a lot of these and will look and see if she might still have some we could use. Patrons are used to the flags being up when the library is open.

The following bill was presented for payment:

- Eden Pennysaver—\$96

A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Jon to authorize payment of this bill. This motion was passed.

The director also reported on balances in the Local Revenue account and noted that there are still several checks that have not been cashed.

Treasurer's report

Bettyann did not give an additional report beyond what she had presented in the Annual Meeting.

Old Business

Jon noted that Scott has not looked at the leak repair yet. It was noted that Scott is retiring in a few months so we should try to get him to determine whether a repair has been made before his retirement takes place.

Linda has started a few designs for the outside area that would be a memorial to Phil.

New Business

Donna-Jo noted that the System Board is looking for a new chief financial officer since Emily Petronik has left; they have also begun the search for a new director.

She will watch for notifications from central regarding applications for NYS Construction Grants. Although the lift is currently working well after the repair, replacing it could be a good project since it is 30 years old.

Another project that could use attention is the side yard near the parking lot that was dug up for the drainage issue. It was not restored very well and needs new seeding and possibly topsoil. As liaison, Susan will present this issue to the Town.

Dates for the spring book sale were set for April 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Linda presented Board members with the annual Conflict of Interest Statement to be signed. These are kept in the Secretary's Minutes book in case of need.

There was brief discussion of the Five-Year Plan of Service. Changes were not made at this time.

The next meeting will be held February 9 at 5:15 p.m.

Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, Secretary