

Eden Library Board of Trustees

May 11, 2026

Library board president Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 5:25 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 April 13, 2026 were read. A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Jon to approve the minutes. This was passed.

Director's Report

The director reported on statistics for the month. Patron count was up but circulation was down by two items. There has been good attendance at programs.

The following bills were presented for payment:

- Guis-- \$6.99
- Walker Brothers-- \$235.00 (for maintenance of the grandfather clock)
- Pye-Barker Fire and Safety (Amherst Alarm)-- \$90.00
- Eden/North Collins Pennysaver—\$208.00
- Erie County Water--\$83.46

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

The director also reported on balances in the Local Revenue Account.

Treasurer's Report

Bettyann reported on balances in all accounts at Key Bank and also at Woodlawn Federal Credit Union. She noted that the Book Sale brought in \$712.10 this spring. Last year's spring sale netted \$864.00.

Old Business

It as noted that during the Book Sale there had been water on the floor near the electrical box. Donna-Jo will put in another repair request with the Town to have this looked at and also a reminder that we still have a toilet that has not been repaired.

The light fixture on the Woodside entrance has been missing for some time and there are now birds nesting up in the space. New light fixtures for both entrances should be added to the list of work for the Town. After brief discussion about the fixtures, it was decided that they should get whatever type of fixture will work in the space.

During the Book Sale the wooden platform at the base of the outdoor stairs was very slippery when it was wet. Jon suggested that it just needs to dry out and then be coated with a paint that has some grit in it. Tony should be able to do this. Jon and Susan will move it into the basement after the meeting.

Jon has found bricks that match the ones on the base of the sign. Unfortunately the minimum order is 125 and we need fewer than that. We will check for any that might be in the basement. The work is more extensive than he can do. Linda will call Brockman Brothers to see if they could do this repair.

The secretary's book now contains a list of locations where Book Sale lawn signs are placed each year. If it is a private home, it has been approved by the homeowner. It was also noted that one book sale patron did not have cash and wanted to use Venmo. While the library does not have an account, one of the workers did. She accepted the payment and then reimbursed the library for the amount. We might want to establish a Venmo account for situations like this.

Linda has been working on a revised five-year plan of service and hopes to have a draft ready before the next meeting.

New Business

Donna-Jo noted that we had received several donations. A significant one came from a regular donor who would like it to be used for programming, software or hardware. Another patron made a gift in memory of her daughter.

Donna-Jo has finished the annual State Report. An official Resolution to accept this report was read by the secretary. A motion was made by Susan to approve the Annual Report. This was seconded by Jon and approved by a vote of six Ayes. The Director noted that one of the requirements by the State was that each library have a Disaster Plan; she will work on this.

There will be an ACT Meeting at the Collins Library on Saturday, May 16. Details of the topics to be covered will be sent by e-mail to trustees.

The decision on a new director for the system is still pending.

The Central Library Board adopted a revised Equal Employment Opportunity and Anti-Harassment Policy at their March 19, 2026 meeting. This is a system-wide policy. Linda compared it to our current policy and found that there were only minor language changes. Susan made a motion that we accept this policy; this was seconded by Jon and passed.

The next meeting will be held on June 8 at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, Secretary