

Lackawanna Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: February 18, 2026

- Call to order: 5:08 PM
- In Attendance: Lynn Dziak, Terrence Gidney, Lisa Rizzo, Nicole Edin-Sundown, Cindy Anderson, Ian Schroeder Library Director: Danielle Ptak Excused: Greg Stachowski
- Pledge recited: 5:09 PM
- Review & Acceptance of January Minutes:
First: Ian Schroeder Second: Terrence Gidney Unanimously accepted.
- Review & Acceptance of January Financials:
First: Ian Schroeder Second: Nicole Edin-Sundown Unanimously accepted.
- Review & Acceptance of January Statistics:
First: Lynn Dziak Second: Ian Schroeder Unanimously accepted.
- Review & Acceptance of Director's Report:
First: Ian Schroeder Second: Nicole Edin-Sundown Unanimously accepted.
- ByLaws Amendment Proposal:
First: Ian Schroeder Second: Lynn Dziak Unanimously Accepted
- Lisa Rizzo will present "How to form Committees".
- Talked about the Books & Brews Fundraiser. Proposed to have in the spring as the Central Library has theirs in the Fall.
- Carnegie Gift Press Release: Director Danielle Ptak is working with the Central Library Marketing Team for a press release to announce the funds and thank the Carnegie Corporation once she receives the email.
- The Lackawanna Public Library will be handling the cost of storing the microfiche using funds from the Memorial account. The Lackawanna Historical Association is still considering the costs of the microfiche reader maintenance bill. Danielle suggested reaching out to the library Foundation as they were willing to help with the Lackawanna Stars painting and may be able to help with this as well.

- Ralph C. Wilson Foundation Grant ideas: pavilion/gazebo, foot path to connect to the park with storyboards, furniture for renovated porch area, outdoor benches for reading park space. Concerns expressed over whether or not these improvements would require digging and if that would be allowed by the city. Discussion also of who we would need approval from for connecting to the park-City of Buffalo, Olmstead Conservatory, and also Botanical Gardens.
- The next meeting with the Mayor is scheduled for February 27th. Danielle will address the damage that was caused from the plows.
- NYS Year End Financial Report: Danielle needs Greg's assistance in gaining access to the system in order to file. The deadline to file for an extension is the end of February.
- The donation of \$70,000 from Mike Sanders is being split between the Historical and Library: \$20,000 for Historical and \$50,000 for the Library
- Danielle has been informed that the term lengths for the new board members are being amended by the mayor's office to comply with the Library bylaws. Notices are being sent to the members whole term end dates are changing.
- Discussion of the NYS Library Construction Aid 2025: We talked about this grant to include the windows, new handrails and new doors. Danielle P. to take steps with maintenance to add a length of handrail to extend length on the front stairway for a temporary solution using operating funds. Bill to get new quotes for repointing and front egress. Any grants needing matching funds up front need to go through the City. We talked about using the \$12000 in Memorial fund and the \$6000 grant money left from Assemblyman Burke that would allow us to start on the repointing project and new doors for back.
- Discussion of possible bylaws amendment proposal tabled until the March meeting.
- Next board meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 @ 5:00 PM
- Adjournment: 7:00 PM.
First: Ian Schroeder Second: Cindy Anderson Unanimously accepted