

Bethlehem Public Library Trustee Meeting Minutes | February 9, 2026

Members Present: Douglass Harman, Nora Clark, Len Grubbs, Stephen Dignazio, Barbara Szeidler, Lisa Ffrench, Sara Plumey and Melissa Smith

Absent: Sally Syren

Librarian Present: Laura Clerkin

Public Present: None

Meeting commenced at 6:57pm

Meeting Minutes

Barbara made a motion to accept December minutes as written. Nora seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The budget is currently favorable by \$2,200.

Nora made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Sara seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Committees

HR - none

Building and Grounds - none

Finance -

A \$310 donation was received in December and \$100 in January. Sara moved to approve, and Stephen seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Also of note, a rebate visa gift card of \$386 was received.

Bylaws and Policies -

Laura handed out the Parental Access to Minor Children's Library Records request form and policy for Trustee binders.

Technology - None

Librarian's Report

Laura shared that patrons have commented on the icy conditions around the building, and the trustees discussed possible ways to address the issue. No one has reported slipping and falling.

A discussion was also held regarding a blank spot on the trustee ballot for the town election in March.

Laura reminded the trustees that the hearing for HB1214 will take place tomorrow.

She also reported that the federal funding bill for libraries has passed.

Laura shared an infographic for the Year in Review report and asked for feedback.

Barbara reminded the trustees about the annual trustee conference in May. Melissa is planning to attend. Len recommended an article about budgeting from the NH Library Trustee Association newsletter.

Sara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Len seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Smith