

Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2026
Approved April 21, 2026

Members Present: Trustees Ann Grech, Robin Ross, Shari Lane, Phyllis M Potter in person.

Members Absent: Thomas Vinje

Staff Present: Darren Hoerner, Director

Guest: Karen Eames, Friends of the Library

Call to Order: Chair Ann Grech called the regular meeting of the Lopez Library Board of Trustees to order at 12:04 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Agenda

MSP: Phyllis M Potter moved, Robin Ross seconded approval of the agenda as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Friends of the Lopez Library Report

Chair Karen Eames reported that Phase Two of Project Little Red is underway. Karen and Darren are creating their list of big donors to talk to in person. The August 9th Taskmaster event is shaping up nicely. Including pledged funds, it looks like there is \$731K left to raise to complete Project Little Red fundraising goals.

Prior Month's Minutes Approval

MSP: Robin Ross moved, Ann Grech seconded the approval of February 25, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes, as corrected by indicating Ann Grech was on Zoom. The motion passed unanimously.

Routine Matters

- Vouchers:
 - 2/20/26 - \$9,983.84
- Payroll and Benefits:

- 1/31/26 - Salary - \$14,798 Total Personnel Expenses - \$19,946
- 2/15/26 - Salary - \$13,439 Total Personnel Expenses - \$18,326
- Surplus: 414

MSP: Phyllis M Potter moved, Ann Grech seconded, the approval of the above. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (February)

1) Operating cash balance: \$162,376.71 (SJC Treas), \$51,609.02 (Banner Bank acct #4078).

2) Revenue: property tax \$97,023.05; year-to-date \$99,274.56, Other - \$1,507.65 miscellaneous revenue; year-to-date \$12,992.85

Director's Report

- Public Libraries Washington conference highlights: Darren attended virtually this year. Notable were the following: There was an excellent 1st Amendment session, which indicated that our current Collection Development Policy puts us in a good position with solid protection; the Library Support Network is doing good work; IMLS funds should run in their regular cadence through 9/27; the State legislative session is over with nothing particularly pertinent to libraries (other than the repeal of sales/use tax for libraries, which we are unlikely to see benefit from for a while.)

Old Business

- Communication with the County Commissioner: discussion tabled until April when Thomas and Shari can be present.
- Review of Services Policies: The one remaining policy to be reviewed (Exhibits and Art) is not yet ready.
- Capital Improvements Subcommittee – The Subcommittee met for the first time on March 9th. There will be two work streams – the roof/windows and all other issues. They asked Trustee input on priorities for projects identified as needing attention in the Assessment. The Trustees reviewed the list and made suggestions, informed at points by Darren's sharing staff concerns. The Subcommittee will be meeting monthly, and preparing bidding documents, among other talks. Darren expressed that he found the combined expertise of the subcommittee very reassuring.

New Business


- Library Capital Improvement Program - Tribal consultation letters – Ann Grech, as Chair of the Library Trustees, will be signing the required letter to each of the

heads of five tribes asking for their permission to proceed with our Capital Improvement program.

Adjournment

With no further business on the agenda, Ann Grech moved, Robin Ross seconded, a motion to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 
Board Secretary

Approved: 
Board Chair
