

**Minutes of the Wead Library Board Meeting
March 16, 2026**

Present: Kaitlin Parker, board member
Lucille Poirier, President
Anne Werley Smallman, Secretary
Darlene Fanus, Finance Officer
Mary McDonald, Senior Library Clerk
Anne Paulson, Library Director
Member of the Public: Rachel Child

Call to order: 5:00 pm by Lucille Poirier, President.

Motion by Darlene Fanus/second by Kaitlin Parker to approve the agenda

Motion by Kaitlin Parker/second by Darlene Fanus to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 23, 2026 and March 13, 2026. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's reports for February 2026 were received. As of 2/28/2026, there is a \$272.96 deficit in the contractual expenses budget account. Motion by Anne Werley Smallman/second Darlene Fanus to move \$6500.00 from the Professional Salaries budget account L4600-160 to Contractual Expenses L4600-401 budget account. Unanimously approved.

Motion to accept the bills as paid dated February 28, 2026 by Darlene Fanus/second by Kaitlin Parker. Unanimously approved.

Communications: Malone Telegram article March 14 highlighting the new Homegrown Art exhibit at the Library by Linda Sauther.

Director's Report by Anne Paulson:

- see attached report
- Discussion of fixing the sidewalk while fixing the walkway from the front steps to the sidewalk; merits of waiting until the construction project is done or doing a temporary fix.
- Discussion of contracting with Its Simple Information Technology & Cybersecurity to rebuild website with ADA compliance (<https://itsystemssimple.com/>)

Old Business

- Budget Vote: May 5 @12:00-6:00pm. Public Information Meeting in conjunction with Board Meeting on April 27 @5:00pm
- Clerk 1 position: Franklin County Civil Service dept. will be sending the library the new list by the end of the month

- Librarian 1: Anne Paulson has two applications for the position and has given the information to Lucille Poirier
- Roof/Window project: The “kick-off” meeting with Beardsley Architects, RSI Roofing, and the Board as the official start of the project has been scheduled for March 31 @3pm.

New Business

- Motion by Anne Smallman/second by Kaitlin Parker: the board accepts, with regrets, the resignation of Anne Paulson as Library Director 1, effective March 26, 2026. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Kaitlin Parker/second by Darlene Fanus to move into Executive Session to discuss matters of staffing at 6:03pm.

Motion by Kaitlin Parker to move out of executive session/second by Darlene Fanus at 6:48pm.

Motion by Kaitlin Parker to adjourn/second by Darlene Fanus. Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm

The next regularly scheduled board meeting and Public Budget Information meeting will be April 27, 2026 at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Werley Smallman
Secretary, Board of Trustees