

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 PM.

Attending: Gereen Alarie, Janey Langlois, Andrea Powers, Kathy Van Camp, Janet Jenkins, Elizabeth Gendreau.

Previous Minutes From November 3 Meeting - Kathy VanCamp made a motion to approve the minutes; Gereen Alarie seconded the motion. All in favor.

Fiscal Year 2026 Financials YTD Financial Report - Gereen Alarie made a motion to approve the financials; Kathy Van Camp seconded the motion. All in favor.

We discussed the results of the games basket raffle as per the agenda.

We discussed the responses to the Newsletter as per the agenda.

Meeting Dates for 2026: Gereen will reserve the Pioppi Room for our meetings the first Monday of each month and will reserve the access to the book sorting room for the Monday following the meeting.

We discussed the probable new Library Director. The Friends offered to host a welcome event for the director. Janet will discuss with the Trustees about the type of event, the date, etc.

Museum Passes (from Barbara)

[Museum Passes | Jacob Edwards Library](#)

The pass to the Zoo in Forest Park is up for renewal. The cost is \$325 annually.

Barbara suggested we purchase an annual pass for the Springfield Museums. The annual pass is \$175.

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Purchasing these passes was approved by Gereen Alarie and seconded by Janey Langlois. All in favor.

B&N Gift Card - the Children's Room will research what they could buy for it. This was approved by Janey Langlois and seconded by Kathy VanCamp.

We need to make a list of events we have supported in the past and a list of Museum passes and usage. The Secretary will take care of this.

Book sale dates for 2026:

April 2 - 4

November 5 - 7

Gereen feels the success of our November book sale was due in part to the large signs that Southbridge Business Partners has around town. I sent a thank-you note to them. We may want to not use the wire signs next time as Gereen spent time making sure they were upright all the time.

We should also send a note thanking CornerStone Bank and send a letter to Southbridge Daily News thanking the community for their support. The Secretary will work on this.

The meeting ended at 2:15 PM.