

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2026
Meeting held via Zoom

In Attendance: Mike Stein, President; Julie Wynne, Vice President; Richard Leist, Treasurer; Lisa Flanagan, Secretary. Trustees: Cindy Cook, Brette Fulton, Judi Jabara, Julie Niering, Maureen Siglin, Darryl Speicher. Mary Ann Lewis, Library Director. Nancy Lewis joined in by phone.

Mike Stein called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The minutes of the January 27, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Cindy Cook's name was added to the attendance. Julie Wynne made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Maureen Siglin seconded, and all were in favor.

Nancy Lewis and Julie Niering abstained due to being absent at the January meeting.

Treasure's Report - Richard Leist reported that everything looks fine financially for January. The grant funds that were moved over to Morgan Stanley are now earning a little over 3% interest. Darryl Speicher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Cindy Cook seconded. All were in favor. Richard Leist abstained.

Library Director's Report - Overall, the library visitor numbers were up in January despite the weather. The Frontline Online Conference on February 4th went very well. All staff members attended at least 2 or 3 sessions and can continue to view recorded sessions until the beginning of March. Mary Ann is almost finished with the Annual Report and will reach out to Mike and Richard shortly for signatures. The artist reception for Serena and Bob Cook Photography will be held in the Weiler Room on Saturday, March 7th from 2PM to 4PM. The Library Goodness report was related to the Family Place Program. Dr. Joseph Dilger visited as the Resource Professional for dental health. Afterwards, a parent reached out to share that her child, who usually struggled and balked about brushing her teeth, started doing it happily with no more outbursts.

Our circulation numbers are up from both the past couple of months as well as same time last year. Programs are also going well. Although some tech programs are not well attended, they are good publicity for what the library offers. Patrons who are unable to attend stop by and instead work one on one with staff. Piano Keyboarding classes with Michael Capone start this week for both children and adults. Book Bash will take place on March 2nd in celebration of Read Across America Day. Patrons will bring or find reading materials and choose a comfy space to read in the library. Snacks and prizes will be provided.

Building Report - Super Heat provided the semi-annual filter change and regular maintenance.

Fundraising - The current Friends Letter donations to date is \$23,582.27 from 224 donors, ahead of last year's total by \$2,003. We are hoping for good weather for the bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Tuesday, March 3.

New Business - The date of the May Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 26 due to Memorial Day.

Old Business - Mike reviewed forming the Personnel Committee and asked if anyone else would like to join. No additional members volunteered. Mary Ann Lewis, Mike Stein, Cindy Cook, Lisa Flanagan and Julie Wynne will make up the committee. A discussion took place on what the Library can do to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary. Mike shared what some businesses and local municipalities plan to do. Mary Ann shared how promoting technology is a means for achieving goals on the Library 2034 initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm. Lisa Flanagan made the motion and Judi Jabara seconded. All were in favor.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2026.