

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2026

Meeting held in the Weiler Family Community Room with a virtual option

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

Mike Stein called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

The minutes of the June 22, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Darryl Speicher made a motion to approve the minutes. Julie Wynne seconded, and all were in favor. Cindy Cook, Maureen Siglin and Mike Stein abstained since they were not present at the June meeting.

Treasure's Report - Richard Leist reported that revenues are near budget and expenses are lower. Investment results are superb. Lisa Flanagan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Julie Wynne seconded. All were in favor. Richard Leist abstained.

Library Director's Report - Library stats look very good, similar to last month. The number of volunteers is up due to the summer fundraising events. The number of patrons using computers is higher as well. Mary Ann spoke about recent community events she and Chelsea participated in. There were two Barrett Twp Historical Society events at the Train Station. They also set up a booth at the Concert in the Park. Another community outreach example this past month was when Mary Ann opened the library on a Sunday for those who might need to use our electricity during a widespread power outage. Mary Ann has also kept busy preparing the annual Insurance Audit.

The circulation stats for June were very close to May's numbers. The programs offered went very well. A highlight was one of three Story Times with Safe Monroe focusing on educational and preventative themes. The topics covered in the series were Taking Care of Babies, Respecting Personal Boundaries, and Community Helpers. A big event we are looking forward to is the America 250 celebration at the Library on August 22 with food, music, costumes, and more. A representative from AARP will give a presentation on AI fraud in August, meeting one of the Library 2034 goals.

The Library Goodness message this month is celebrating and appreciating the volunteers. We have volunteers that come in regularly to the library and others that spend time on events and projects like Books and Bubbly and the Friends Letter mailing. We are truly grateful for their dedication, time, and efforts.

Building Report: The new geothermal unit is expected to be installed at the beginning of August. Mary Ann contacted Greg Batzel, a professional painter, to paint the porch railings. Darryl will paint the post for the handicap door opener & the bike rack. Plumbing issues in both restrooms were addressed this past month.

Fundraising - The Friends Letter has been prepared and mailed. Comedy Night's final preparations are currently taking place.

Grants - A letter requesting a donation from the Hommer Foundation is due by the end of August.

Old Business - The Library Directors' Plaque is close to being finalized. A few decisions need to be made on some details but it should be finished shortly.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m. after Darryl Speicher made a motion and Julie Niering seconded. All were in favor.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.