

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2026
Meeting held in the Weiler Family Community Room with a virtual option

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

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

The minutes of the April 27, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Julie Niering made a motion to approve the minutes. Julie Wynne seconded, and all were in favor.

Treasure's Report - Richard Leist reported that financially the Library is doing very well. The Morgan Stanley account had very strong investment results. It may be prudent for us to discuss reducing our risk a little bit with our portfolio manager. Michael Stein made a motion to authorize Richard to speak with Jeff Weeks at Morgan Stanley regarding reducing investment risk and shifting assets. Lisa Flanagan seconded and all were in favor. Mary Ann added that the tax money from Barrett and Paradise Townships has started to come in. Mary Ann and our bookkeeper are working together to prepare for the annual financial review which is coming up. Julie Wynne made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Maureen Siglin seconded it. All were in favor. Richard Leist abstained.

Executive Session - Mike Stein made a motion to enter Executive Session at 5:41 p.m. and Lisa Flanagan seconded. All were in favor. Personnel matters were discussed and no decisions were made. Julie Wynne made a motion to exit Executive Session. Brette Fulton seconded. All were in favor, and the General Session resumed at 5:42 p.m.

Library Director's Report - The stats are all looking fine. Mary Ann met with our Searchable History Consultant and Aaron Imbt from the Paradise Historical Society. They discussed the progress incorporating Paradise Historical information as well as eventually adding Barrett Township Historical information to our Searchable History files. Mary Ann also talked to Dave about getting a volunteer started in organizing and scanning additional Buck Hill items. The Library Goodness Report centered around a man who no longer has computer access at home and hasn't used technology in a while. He enrolled in an online course and was very grateful for all the assistance he received from the library staff in getting him started and troubleshooting along the way. Mary Ann encouraged the Board to take a look at the display of sticky notes showing what patrons like about our library. It's fun to read through them. People shared thoughts about loving books, loving programs, appreciating the people who work here and spending time in a friendly environment. The circulation stats are all holding steady and patrons continue to enjoy the programming options. An exceptionally well received program was Forest Bathing held at Ice Lake by Josh Heath. Mary Ann appreciated the energy it takes to

lead children's programs. She covered a program again and is grateful to those who lead programs for kids on a regular basis. Upcoming programs include another Red Cross blood drive, card making, monthly meditation, and summer reading activities for children and adults.

Building Report: Two air purifiers were delivered to the Library provided by a state grant. A two-year supply of replacement filters was also included. One unit is in the Weiler Room and another in the adult book area. Corey Seese looked at the sidewalks that need repair and said he can do it for us this summer. Darryl Speicher offered to paint the porch railings this summer as well.

Fundraising - The current Friends Letter donation to date is \$24,181.73 from 229 donors. This amount is ahead of last year's total by \$2,601.61 with 14 more donors than last year. The new Friends Letter is being prepared and volunteers will begin stuffing envelopes in late June. NEPA Gives will take place on June 4th and 5th. Promos will be going out by the end of this week and next week through social media, our webpage, Constant Contact, and emails. Books & Bubbly is scheduled for June 19. Planning is well underway. LOL Comedy Night is scheduled for Saturday, August 1st. An organizational meeting was held recently. Some new members will be joining the planning committee.

Grants - The two Hughes Grant proposals have been submitted. We usually hear back from them in June. The Weiler family gave us their annual \$10,000 donation which is usually targeted for building improvements.

America250 Update - Mary Ann met with members of the Barrett Historical Society who are planning an event on June 14th at the Train Station. They asked the library to lead some children's games and wear Colonial dress. The Library will be hosting a similar event later this summer, but it will be indoors on a Saturday afternoon with food, music, games and more.

Library 2034 Update: A representative from AARP will be leading a presentation about AI fraud on August 19 for the community in the Weiler Room.

Old Business - Maureen Siglin updated the list of former library directors to be displayed on the Library Directors' Plaque. There are still some gaps to research. Julie Niering will contact Scott's Signs about creating the plaque.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. after Nancy Lewis made a motion and Brette Fulton seconded. All were in favor.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2026.