

Argyle Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes 03/16/2026

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Jeni Detra at 6:14 pm

Roll Call:

Members: Jeni Detra, Asha Whitney, Wyatt Webster, Valerie Steiner

Non-Members: Garry Rossing, Sarah Kyrie, Susan Munoz, with Joe Schutte arriving slightly later

Meeting Duly Posted:

Meeting details were posted at the post office, library, and the community bulletin board

Adoption of Agenda:

Jeni suggests implementing an 8:00 p.m. end time, Asha makes this a motion, Jeni seconds, motion carried.

Approval of 02/16/26 and 03/05/26 Minutes

Valerie makes the motion to approve the 02/16/26 minutes with a correction to the date, Jeni seconds, motion carried.

Valerie makes the motion to approve the 03/05/26 minutes, Jeni seconds, motion carried.

Monthly Bills:

Valerie makes the motion to approve all the monthly bills (without the domain bill- it was junk mail), Jenny seconds, motion carried.

Interim Director and Consultant Contract:

Asha makes the motion to approve the contract for Sarah Kyrie (through September 1st), Valerie seconds, motion carried.

Friends of the Library Updates:

General discussion regarding the recent open house, regarding turnout and suggestions from the community.

New Library Floor Plan:

General discussion regarding the proposed floor plan for the new library space. As is, it was generally agreed, the floor plan was a little too cramped, and the suggestion of removing three tables to rearrange the remaining shelves, computers and furniture was discussed. Also discussed was what the various rooms could be used for, and if any could be swapped in the plan.

Bids for Other Space Needs:

General discussion regarding the required / recommended renovations, such as fixing a broken window, removing counters, the addition of a donor wall, renovation of the bathrooms, the addition of an inner wall, painting the outside of the building, and the addition of more outdoor green space, which may require the removal of a few parking spaces. The overall cost of these renovations was discussed, and ideas were floated for how to reduce the cost of these renovations as much as possible, such as acquiring furniture / shelving donations from the New Glarus Public Library, the usage of current furniture, etc. Joe also mentioned the costs of naming rights for rooms, suggesting that roughly 50-60% off the total donations should be from naming rights donations.

Special Community Library Committee:

Valerie made the motion for her, Garry, and possibly Steve Engles to make up a special committee to put together a draft of capital campaign fundraising plan for the library, and Joe offered to help edit the floor plan as well, Asha seconds, motion carried.

Adjourn:

Asha makes the motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., and mentions the necessity of another Library meeting to discuss what was left out of tonight's meeting. This meeting will be held on March 23, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the new library building, Jeni seconds, motion carried.

Next meeting on March 23, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the new Argyle Library Building