

Alexander Findley Community Library

Trustee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2026

(Please note: Meeting for January 26, 2026 was cancelled due to inclement weather.)

In Attendance: Mary, Paul, Nancy, Andy, Judy, Tony, Shari, Cala, Bill, Annette, Kim (remote)

I. Call to Order – Mary Ford, President - 6:35 PM

II. Approval of November 24, 2025 Minutes – Annette Tang, Secretary

(Nancy and Bill approved)

III. Treasurer's Report – Paul Fellingner, Treasurer

Paul provided the 2026 Budget sheet for our review of profit and loss info.

Cash rec. report - update \$9120.00 on annual letter so far

Taxes are in progress....

IV. Correspondence – Two people came in and donated cash for Memorials, one wants the money used for specific books for kids and adults, the other donated Louis L'amour books but we already had them - Donated \$100 from Brenda Kinney, Michael Ball donated \$55.00 specifically for books on dog topics including dog care - for children as well as adult age groups.

Letter from Kinney family's lawyer - stating that a gift of \$5000.00 to the library has been listed in the Will of Craig E. Kinney, with the stipulation that it be used for children's programming. The board recognizes that while this is a benefit to the library, it involves a families loss and subsequently time to be processed. We will send an appropriate thank you to the Kinney family at the correct time.

Business insurance correspondence info has been received to consider.

V. Library Manager's Report- see sheet for all details

Working on summer programming! Dinosaurs, Legos! Fun!

VI. Old Business

a. Trustee Training webinars via Capacity Lab – 2 hours per year, let Mary know when you're done; can look in Non-Profit Partnership training

b. Revised Strategic Plan – We'll have to update it by the end of next year, so dates can be

added back in then with any new goals/projects

c. Annual Letter update- see Paul's report

VII. New Business

a. Potential fundraiser to replace Spring Craft Show- (Gentleman called asking about the Soup-er Bowl again)

Other suggestions were:

Kim-Meat Raffle idea-

Hotel gifts & prizes idea

Might be able to piggy back with wine and beer events ?

Peak n peek - staycation idea?

b. Advertising in Chautauqua Gazette—CCLS worked out (or is working out) a deal with the Chautauqua Gazette to get space to advertise all the libraries in the system, and after they contributed \$1200, which would leave \$40/month for libraries to cover. If we are not willing to do that, is there an amount we are willing to contribute?

c. Board get-together- maybe in better weather? Table to boat idea in summer! Boat twice!!
Spring/Summer and Fall boating suggested

VIII. President's Report – none

IX. Strategic Plan (Cala is on all these goals)

a. Goal 1 – Implement Industry Standards & Best Practices for Library Services
(Shari/Bill)

b. Goal 2 – Offer Creative Programming and Services to Meet Community Needs
(Annette/Kim/Shari)

c. Goal 3 – Ensure that Staff and Volunteers are Adequately Trained and Supported
(Kim/Mary)

d. Goal 4 – Strengthen the Library Through Outreach & Communication Efforts
(Andy/Annette/Nancy/Tony)

e. Goal 5 – Ensure Organizational Sustainability (Nancy, Paul, Tony)

NEXT BOARD MEETING March 23, 2026 - 6:30 pm