

Wilkes County Library Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

Attendance: Glenda Adams (virtual), Janina Shoemaker, Debbie Barrett, Lou Pendry, Jennifer Chatham, Camilla Lovette, Ola Norman, Hardin Kennedy, Heather Tedder, Becky Ball, Jennifer Earp-Johnson: Circulation Manager, Taylor Hazan: Adult Services Manager, Tammy Holston: Finance Director, Russell Taylor: Regional Director, Suzanne Manners: County Librarian

Absent: Ethan Brooks-Livingston, Doren Tripp, Martha Townes, Arnold Lakey

Chairperson Jennifer Chatham called the meeting to order.

Agenda > Becky motioned to approve > Janina seconded the motion > all were in favor

January Minutes - It was noted to change the prior meeting notes to November (not September) > Camilla motioned to approve > Becky seconded the motion > all were in favor

FOL Report: Suzanne shared a report on the impact that our Friends have on the library through their valued fundraising efforts. Deb mentioned that the Friends will start providing quarterly staff appreciation treats to celebrate birthdays. They are currently planning to hold an Antique Appraisal Event in September. The Friends are also looking to join the North Carolina Friends of the Library group to explore networking opportunities across the state. Additionally, they donated a gift in memory of Rick Harvin to purchase the books he had requested. Ola reported that a Friend in Traphill received an anonymous donation of \$10,000.

Old Business: There is still a need for a board secretary.

New Business: Reminders about regional meeting and next meeting dates

CL Report (see attached document)

- Board members were invited to participate in a Reentry Simulation Event at the library on March 26. This event is made possible by funding provided by Wilkes Health Foundation, with support from VAYA Health and Wilkes Recovery Revolution.
- Suzanne also shared plans for an online giving campaign, sponsored by the Endowment Council. The campaign will run throughout National Library Week. Board members are encouraged to look for Impact Stories on the library's Facebook page and share on their own social media outlets.

Director Report (see attached document)

- Russell submitted a grant to LSTA, requesting support for hiring a consultant to work with the regional system on a new five-year plan.
- County Libraries will be closed for Regional Staff Training on April 16.

Finance Report (see attached document)

- Tammy presented a draft for the new budget year, requesting a conservative 3% increase in funding for the new FY.

Meeting Adjourned > Becky motioned > Camilla seconded > All in favor