

NAPLES LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2026

Present: Linda Strauss-Jones, Lisa Jensen, Pam Stephen, Brooke Finley, Katy Matthews, Larkin Ryan, Allyson Makepeace, David Dial, Jane Snaith (Social Work Intern), Betsy Lewis

Call to order

New Business

The library's new credit card arrived. We have a \$15,000 limit.

The 2026-27 budget proposal has been submitted. Allie will present the budget at a school board meeting.

Annual report: The due date has been pushed back April 1 due to the closing of Baker and Taylor. A portal is being created to provide the needed data.

CASCO security systems: There have been many issues. Switching our phones interrupted the original phone line used by the security systems. CASCO came, but put in the wrong device. It is a cellular device and we don't always have a cell signal here. They have continually been cancelling appointments to fix it. Ally would like to seek a more reliable security system. We have a contract with CASCO, but they have violated the contract multiple times.

AED status: Training will be offsite. Staff could be offered paid time to go and take the training.

Ally was accepted into the Developing Leaders Program. She will be in Albany for Library Advocacy Day and talking to legislators about libraries (and for training on Pre-Advocacy Day).

Trustee Retreat: March 21. Stewards of long range plan goals should prepare an update for the retreat.

Our library lending budget has been supplemented by FFRPL. We received \$22,800 through this grant.

Motion #526 - Linda motioned to approve the Annual FFRPL report. Pam seconded. Motion carried.

Motion #527 - Linda motioned to approve the consent agenda. Larkin seconded. Motion carried.

Motion #528 - Linda motioned to approve the bills for December 2025. David seconded. Motion carried.

Linda and Katy will be meeting with Ashley Jerome Rob about our vision and mission and the expectations for a trustee.

Committee Reports

Building/Maintenance - The gallery has opened. We discussed the CASCO security system issues. The new custodial service (Emerson) is working out well.

Communication - The website is much closer to being completed - just a few more pages. Ally, Mora and Larken will be meeting soon on streamlining communication. They are exploring new platforms.

Policy - Did not meet.

Planning - Did not meet. We could consider a survey when we next create a long range plan.

Finance - Did not meet. Ally reviewed the budget for the first half of the fiscal year and about 44% of our budget was used.

Personnel - Did not meet. Staff evaluations have been postponed to the end of May/June to sync with our fiscal year and budget. The pay policy will be updated before evaluations.

Friend's Update:

- Meeting Monday to plan the Tea Party. It will be the day before Mother's Day (5/9/2026) at the Wren's Roost.

Ally went through the Director's Report.

Dates for 2026 Board of Trustees Meetings: Third Wednesday of the month and Friends - 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

- January 21 (Betsy Lewis), February 18 (Gretchen Pulver), March 18 (TBD), April 15 (Robin Crist), May 20 (Tim Williams), June 17 (Stephanie Lipp) (Gathering), July 15 (Gail Musnicki), August 19 (Pat Cochrane), September 16 (Arden Neubauer), October 21 (TBD), November 18 (Barb Lindquist), December 16 (TBD) (Gathering)

Motion #529 - Linda motioned to adjourn the meeting. Larkin seconded. Motion carried.