

LaGrange Association Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday July 9, 2026 @7 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees: Library Director Anna Lillian Moser, President Suzanne Davis, Vice President Devon Bryan, Secretary Ann Commisso, Treasurer Dan Jacobs

Absent: Alan Bell, Jack Jones, Melanie Wargo

Call to Order: 7pm by Suzanne Davis

Public Comment: The Board welcomed two guests who are considering joining the Board of Trustees. Kevin Doherty is a retired software engineer. Meredith Briggs is a business owner. They both spoke of “giving back” to the library.

Correspondence - None

Consent Agenda

- **Action Item:** Be it resolved that the Board acknowledge and approve the following items as the Consent Agenda:
 - Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2026
 - Director’s Report
 - June Financial Reports with the following operating budget adjustments:
 - Increase Accounting Fees by \$100; decrease eBooks by \$100.
 - Increase Electric by \$4,770; decrease Passport Acceptance Fees by \$4,770

Motion to approve: Devon Bryan

Second: Dan Jacobs

Passed unanimously

Capital Campaign/Fundraising (Alan)

Nothing to report

Board Development/Nominating (Melanie)

We have two potential board members present.

Building (Jack)

We have applied for grant money, awaiting the amount to be received. We have asked the Builder and the Architect how much we could save by scaling back on the renovation. Awaiting their response.

Bylaws/Policy (Devon)

We need a new meeting room policy for Speech Therapists and their clients. They probably need to reserve a room. We will try to have it on the September agenda.

Finance (Dan)

- **Action item:** Be it resolved that the board approve removing Mary DeBellis from the Hudson Valley Credit Union (HVCU) Accounts and replacing her with the new library director, Anna Lillian Moser.

Motion to approve: Devon Bryan

Second: Suzanne Davis

Passed unanimously

Long Range Planning (Ann)

Nothing to report.

Personnel (Devon)

Staff member Samantha Brandal resigned. This will be presented as an Action Item on September's agenda.

Old Business

- Town Board Meeting

Anna and Suzanne presented at last month's Town Board Meeting. They were well received and we are hopeful that the Town Board has a better understanding of the Library's financial picture, eg. The Library pays rent to Rieger Homes; the Library has to buy books. Suzanne also spoke with Roy Kievit on the Planning Board. He was informed that as an Association Library renting our space is a tremendous cost. Suzanne emailed him yesterday to continue the conversation. We plan on presenting our case for an increase in our budget in the November 2026 Town Board meeting.

New Business

- Teen/Adult Librarian

With the resignation of Samantha, Anna has the opportunity to make the job title less stringent while dividing some of the duties to other employees. It can be part-time, with flexible hours. The goal is to bring in more adults and teens into programming.

Anna has received 10 responses for the job on the platform Indeed and has some scheduled interviews next week.

- July 25 Community BBQ

The library won't be participating.

Action Item: Motion to approve Free Direct Access Plan (FDAP)

Move to approve: Ann Commisso

Second: Devon Bryan

Passed unanimously

- Chairs from Millbrook School

We appreciate the 2 leather and 4 upholstered chairs donated by Millbrook School. We will be sending a Thank You note.

- Walkthrough video

John Wargo created the video on our website for our Capital Campaign fund. We're hoping that it will help people visually understand what we're trying to accomplish in expanding the current space.

Adjournment: 7:46 PM by Suzanne Davis

Motion to approve: Dan Jacobs

Second: Devon Bryan

Motion passed unanimously

Next Meeting: Thursday September 10, 2026