

Harper Library Board Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2026

Location: Harper Library

Present: Tomi Pugh, President; Scot Danner, Vice President; Chuck Leinweber, Director; Mari Praisewater, Treasurer; Jo Ann Chunn, Secretary; Sivalee Mauldin, Director; Ellen Williams, Director

Guests: Cindy Barkley, Curtis Eastwood, Barbara Eastwood, Sandra Leinweber, Linda Lee

Call to Order: 4:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Minutes: Mari Praisewater moved to approve minutes; Scot Danner, seconded; approved.

Communications: The check from the county commissioner hand delivered this week.

President's Comments: Tomi asked Denise to report on the standing water on the library grounds. Holloway Plumbing came to evaluate the situation. The pump was spraying water, but the water was turned off. It became apparent that the water was coming from the unoccupied house next door. The realtor was notified and turned off the water at the house. While a Holloway Plumbing serviceman was there, he gave an estimate of replacing the pump for \$6,166, with connections for \$8, 237.55.

Scot Danner moved that we dedicate up to \$10,000 for a new pump and connections. Ellen Williams, seconded, and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Attached.

It was noted that the library in 2025 had an income of \$101,107.86, and spent \$87,000 of the budgeted \$90,000.

Resale Shop Team Monthly Reports: Attached

Library Director's Monthly Report: Attached

Denise noted that there were a record number of patrons in January.

She also made the board aware that the children's book author, Peg Sunderland, will be at the library for a book-signing in conjunction with the Hill Country Animal Shelter, which will give information on pet adoption.

New Business:

A. Committee for May board elections: The positions of secretary, one director, and president, as Tomi Pugh will be leaving, will be up for reappointment. Linda Lee agreed to head the committee, and Ellen Williams will help to find individuals willing to serve. Nominees need to be submitted by April.

B. Discuss By-Law changes: Several changes were suggested. It could be stated that the number of board members would be as few as five, with a quorum of four, and as many of seven, with a quorum of five. Also the two-term limit might be changed. Tomi will rework the by-laws and bring them to the next meeting for a vote.

Old Business:

A. Concerns about computer security issues compelled Chuck Leinweber to make a motion that the library pay \$105.34 monthly to Ubiquiti for daily-threat protection; Mari Praisewater seconded; it was approved.

B. Storage shed built on property: Chuck has looked into moving the pods in order to build a furniture warehouse and seasonal storage facility. Trey Garrett may buy one or both of the pods or move them for us. The county engineer must issue a building permit, but there should be no issues since there is an asphalt pad. There is no need for any sanitation changes since there will be no plumbing.

A suggestion was made for the building to have an overhead door for ease of moving furniture in and out and the purchase of dollies or lifting jacks.

A concern about the expense of an HVAC system and the cons of not having storage climatized were mentioned.

Chuck will get multiple quotes for the building construction.

C. Security cameras-shop and library: This is on the five-year plan and will be discussed as it seems necessary.

Adjournment: 5:18

Signed after approval at the next board meeting

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President, Tomi Pugh

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Secretary, Jo Ann Chunn

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Date

**Next meeting on March 16, 2026**