

Harper Library Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2025

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, Kerry Sandstrom, Barbara Eastwood, Sandra Leinweber

Call to Order: 4:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: Barbara Eastwood stated Sandra Leinweber told her that she had read, in general, resale and non-profits only use 20% of the clothing donations that are given. Our resale shop beats that statistic.

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

President's Update: Tomi thanked everyone for his or her hard work,, especially the resale-shop volunteers. She reminded all to make suggestions for items that should be added to the library's 5-year plan. Currently, the only items on the list are the rain-water catchment system and the landscaping project.

Communications: Mari Praisewater mentioned that she had had an email from Mary Freshour relating she has moved into her new house in Parker.

Treasurer's Report: Attached.

Resale Shop Team Monthly Reports and Ebay update: Attached. Tomi mentioned that Sandra is checking into getting a new cash register. Chuck commented that new registers have computerized parts which will make their use easier. There was a discussion of how pennies will be phased out over time and the process of rounding totals to the nearest 5 cents will be implemented.

Denise praised Cindy Barkley for the nice Facebook post she made.

Library Director's Monthly Report: Attached

Denise mentioned that there was an increase of over 100 hits on the library's website.

The last story time of 2025 will be on November 19, but Santa's visit will be on Saturday, December 13 from 10-12. There will be a story time, craft, snack and pictures with Santa.

New Business:

1. 2026 Budget: attached. Mari alerted us to the fact that the resale numbers are reduced because of no longer selling items on eBay, the supplies numbers were raised because of the increase in business, and there were changes in insurance and ebook rates.

Mari Praisewater moved that the budget be approved; Scot Danner Seconded; approved.

2. Appreciation gift for Suzanne: Tomi referred to Suzanne’s over-the-top performance as a resale-shop volunteer as she worked so hard behind the scenes and put in countless hours, including organizing and listing items on eBay. She also clarified that this is an unusual case; we cannot afford, unfortunately, to do this for other volunteers. She suggested a \$500 Amazon card.

Scot Danner moved that this would be done; Ellen Williams seconded; approved.

3. Homeless in parking lot: There is a very nice homeless man who has been parking in front of the library to access the Wi-Fi. Unfortunately, he has made several volunteers uncomfortable as they have seen him changing clothes. The Sheriff was called and confronted the man. He was told very kindly that he cannot park 24/7 in the library’s parking lot, but he can park at night in the community park.

4. Meeting in December: It was decided that there will be no meeting in December.

5. Street-lightening fund for Harper: It was mentioned that the bake sale was successful and a good deal of money was raised for the fund.

Chuck Leinweber moved that the library contribute \$150 to the light fund; Scot Danner, seconded; approved.

Old Business:

1. Rainwater catchment tanks clean and repair update: Chuck Leinweber evaluated the system and suggested that Holloway Plumbing be called to fix the leaking valves on the tanks and drain the tanks, which have a build-up of sand.

Adjournment: 5:07

Signed after approval at the next board meeting

President, Tomi Pugh

Secretary, Jo Ann Chunn

Date

Next meeting on January 19, 2026