

Harper Library Board Meeting Minutes  
March 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, Barbara Eastman, Curtis Eastman, Sandra Leinweber, Linda Lee, Sharon Kasper

Call to Order: 4:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: Linda Lee said there will be no Chamber of Commerce meeting this month, but next month there will be a media presentation.

Minutes: Chuck Leinweber moved to approve minutes; Sivalee Mauldin seconded; approved.

Communications: President Tomi Pugh's resignation is effective on March 25, 2026. The 990 information has been given to the CPA. It is due by April 15, but we can get an extension.

President's Comments: Tomi gave a heartfelt thanks to everyone for the reception honoring her many years of service to the library.

Treasurer's Report: Attached

Treasurer received a letter from the state comptroller's office that we are now required to file a sales tax form because of sales numbers. Our CPA will do this monthly.

Resale Shop Team Monthly Reports: Attached

Library Director's Monthly Report: Attached

Voter's registration plan had to be filed; although, the library had all that is required already in place. Voter registration cards are available at the library and more can be gotten from the election office.

Regular Meeting paused to open a closed executive session: 4:48

Reopen General Session: 5:09

New Business:

A. Review of Library Director: A closed session was held to review the director's performance, which always exceeds expectations.

B. Removal of wooden fence on 290.bushes planted

Fence crossbars are falling apart and need to be removed. Chuck and Bob Lee will remove the fence. Linda Lee suggested just replacing the fence. Tomi mentioned native plants should be used.

Bids on landscaping with 3-ft butter blocks or rocks could be used. Jo Ann will check on cost.

Old Business:

A. Storage shed built on property: Chuck has met with the county engineer and the sanitation department, and we can have a weathered entrance as long as there is no plumbing inside the new structure.

The Republic trash company has rules about the placement of their dumpsters, so Chuck will meet with them to get options on the location on the property. Once dumpster location is dictated, then the location of the pods will be decided.

Mari Praisewater asked about a door for furniture, and Chuck said double doors would accommodate furniture. A cart to help with moving large items has been ordered. A floor plan is being developed and will be submitted to the county for approval. When the approval is obtained, Chuck will get bids.

Discuss By-Law changes: Changes have been suggested because of the difficulty of getting volunteers for some of the position. The current by-laws require seven officers and three directors. The change would be to have either five officers and one director OR four officers and three directors. There must be an uneven number of directors.

There would be a change on term limits to no more than three terms or six years.

Linda Lee mentioned the need for new blood on the board to keep things progressive.

Meeting Adjourned:5:32

**Next meeting April 20 at 4:30 p.m. in Library Community Room**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board may go into executive session in accordance with Vernon's Civil Statue, Article 6252-17 to discuss personnel, property acquisition or meet with their attorney. No final action will be taken while the board is in executive session. The Board will reconvene in open session before adjournment.

