

## April Minutes of the Stockton Township Library Board

**Date: April 13, 2026**

**Time: 5:00**

**Trustees Present:** Peg Drane, Amy Haas, Deb Huso, Jacquie Meli, Pat Molitor, Lillian Townsend, Dave Wickler

**Also Present:** Director Smunt, Amy Witz

The President is presiding and the Secretary is present.

### **Comments from the Public**

Amy Witz shared that she, her husband and her daughter have lived in Stockton since 2021. Recently she heard that there may be some retirements from the library board and if there is a vacancy, is interested in serving on the board.

### **Financial and Treasurer's Report**

The CD dated March 13, 2026 has been rolled over but the date needs to be updated on the financials.

Motion to approve the minutes and the financials for March was made by Townsend and seconded by Haas. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Director's Report**

The library will be hosting the Chamber of Commerce's 'Business after Hours' on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The time is still uncertain but the Board is invited.

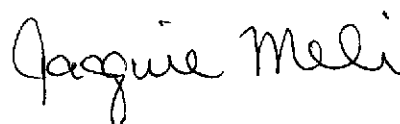
The American Legion in Stockton is working on a 250 year Flag Mural which will be attached to the library outside west wall, covering up the "perceived graffiti." Because the library has security cameras, the flag will be more secure at this location than other places in the village. The process is still unclear for painting the tiles, but more information should be forthcoming.

The board of trustee minutes that are stored in the archives need to be signed by the secretary.

The lawncare has been done by Dan Smunt in the past year and if it's okay, the plan is to have him continue doing that this year. He is looking for quality black dirt for growing and has gotten several quotes with varying prices. It was suggested that the village may be able to supply the dirt that is needed.

In addition to the ongoing programs of the library, a new program called 'Spice of the Month Club' will begin in June. A teaspoon of a unique spice will be given to each participant along with a recipe using that spice and the history of the spice.

The patron count was at 702 for the month of March compared to 632 for February.



The supervisor of roads for the township hasn't come to assess the parking lot, but it is going to be repaired, so it will be safe. But it will not be resurfaced. There was further discussion about the role the village might play and the Director will check into this further.

### **New Business**

A motion was made to approve the board meeting dates for the 2026-2027 library year. The motion was made by Wickler and seconded by Molitor and approved unanimously. The meeting dates will be the second Monday of the month at 5:00 (except for July and January when the board doesn't meet.)

There was discussion about the proposed Digital Audio Recording Device Policy. As a result of that discussion two changes will be made to the policy: under # 5-1, distribution of minutes will be changed from 10 days to 14 days, and under #5-2 submission of corrections, there will be wording about board members responding to the secretary regarding the draft minutes. A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Drane to approve the policy with the changes. Motion passed.

According to the state of Illinois and IPLAR, the board president must appoint two people to audit the records. President Huso appointed Amy Haas and Peg Drane. A motion was made by Wickler and seconded by Townsend to appoint these members to the audit committee. Motion passed.

### **Fiscal Budget 2026/2027**

There was discussion about the proposed 2026-2027 budget.

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Haas to approve the budget for 2026-2027 as presented. The motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

Drane made a motion to adjourn and Molitor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting ended at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacquie Meli  
Secretary of the Board

*minutes approved June 8, 2026  
Jacquie Meli*