

**Belmont Literary and Historical Society Free Library
Board of Trustees
DRAFT Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2026**

Attendees: Molly Pike, Nichole Gambino, Erica Moses, Caroline Mapes, Barb Woolston, Miranda Hemphill, Gene Smith, Bobbi Patello, Deb Burger

Other Present: None

Absent: Ash Gardener

Meeting Called to Order at 4:00 PM by President Molly Pike.

Public Comment - None

Announcements:

- None

Secretary's Report

- Approval of prior months minutes
 - Motion: Barb
 - Second: Nichole
 - Result: All in favor
- Correspondence

Treasurer's Report

- Approval of report
 - Motion: Caroline
 - Second: Gene
 - Result: All in favor
- Grant money was received in the amount of \$1253.00 into the operating account. This will be transferred into the renovation account.
- Financial Review Information - Tabled until June

Account Balances:

Account	Previous Balance	Deposits/Credits	Checks/Debits	Ending Balance
General	\$107,985.87	\$20,085.75	\$6,673.30	\$121,398.32
Renovation	\$27,101.13	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$7,101.13

**Full detailed ledger reports and balance sheets are maintained at the Belmont Literary and Historical Society Free Library and are available for public inspection upon request in accordance with NYS Committee on Open Government guidelines.*

Director's Report (15 min)

Grant Updates:

- WNY Rural Library Grant
 - STLS is taking the lead on applying for all Allegany County Libraries.
 - Anticipated \$3000-4000 for lendable youth recreation equipment.
- Construction Aid
 - Need to get official written quote from Lindsay's for a new air conditioner.
 - Need to get quote and size measurements for a generator.
 - Need to confirm size of library lot.
- ALA Resilient Community: Advancing Sustainability in and through Libraries
 - Erica joined the sustainable library initiative through ARSL

Upcoming Programs:

- Saturday Movie Club
- Preschool Storytime x4
- Play and Stay
- Stitchburners x2
- Teen Time

Other:

- Annual Report - Update and Approval
 - Motion: Molly
 - Second: Bobbi
 - Result: All in favor
- Website Compliance
 - Due April 2027 - Erica working towards it.
- Meeting with the superintendent next week.
- Spring CE is June 5th - There is a path for board members.
- ARSL is in September - Erica is presenting with the advocacy committee.
- Yearbook Ad line item in budget - currently under subscriptions. Needs to be changed to outreach for next year's budget.

Committee Reports

- None

Unfinished Business

- Speaking upstairs, DAR
 - Meredith will reach out to several potential speakers.
- Letter sent to Linda H inviting her to join the board
 - Linda agreed and will attend April's meeting.
- Drone to survey roof
 - Barb has a contact who will lend us a drone.

- Steve Fleischman contacted about library ceiling.
- Display upstairs - still tabled
- Community Quilt Preservation Project
 - Deb spoke with the textile conservation workshop and they are ready to receive the quilt. Deb is packaging the quilt to be mailed and still needs a white sheet and a check for \$200 to send.
 - Deb to reach out to request the quote in writing from the workshop.
 - Grant application forms are available starting in June and are due in September.
- Old Clock Face Project
 - Erica to reach out to a local artist about this.
- Notes on the Evaluation
 - Molly reviewed a few highlights from the evaluation.
- Construction Aid Grant

New Business

- Molly requested a list of holiday closings.

Next Meeting:

April 19th, 2026 at 4pm

Adjournment:

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:16 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Mapes