

February 12, 2026 Chrisman Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Rick Jenness, Lori Mallory, Barb Oates, Danny Owen and Jamie Stokes

Absent: Melody Gross, Rose Hollingsworth, Sherrie Lewis

Staff Present: Cheri Oates

Public Present: N/A

Public Comments: N/A

A meeting was called to order by Secretary, Lori Mallory at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call for attendance. Five board members were present and three were absent.

The Minutes from the January 8, 2026 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Barb, seconded by Rick. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the regular meeting minutes from January 8, 2026. The motion carried.

Bookkeeper’s Report for January 2026:

Checking/General	\$14,733.26
Fundraising	<u>\$ 6,889.05</u>
TOTAL	\$21,622.31
Tech Grant	\$ 711.67
Story Walk	\$ 3,626.72

A motion to accept the Bookkeeper’s Report for January was made by Jamie, seconded by Barb. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the January Bookkeeper’s Report. The motion carried.

Librarian’s Report:

- Statistics for January 2026: New items cataloged 21, items we loaned our patrons 269, items we loaned other libraries 158, internet user sessions 5, electronic books 21 & patrons inside the library 246.
- Story Time on January 15 and February 5 went great! Our guest readers were Kara Ingram and Nancy Hodge. The stories were about winter, friendship, kindness, and, of course, Valentine’s Day! The children created walruses and Valentine’s, some for loved ones and some to send to Senator Chapin Rose to bring cheer to local seniors! All kiddos were thrilled with their creations and to help make someone’s Valentine’s Day a little special. After they finished being creative, some checked out books and all went home happy with snacks and drinks!
- The Chrisman Page Turners book club was on Wednesday, February 4 at 6pm and we discussed “Mad Honey”, written by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan, “hosted” by Rose Hollingsworth! It was a great read and the discussion was lively and eye-opening for the 18 people who attended! Our next book club will be held on Wednesday, March 4 at 6pm and we are reading “The Immortalists”, written by Chloe Benjamin and it will be “hosted” by Tricia Walter.

- We are having Yoga here at the library on every other Tuesday! From 5pm-6pm is “chair” yoga and from 6pm-7pm is “regular” yoga! Our first classes were on February 3 and we had 8 people come join in the fun and start to get energized and fit! Tricia Walter is the instructor and the cost is \$10 per session. The library received no money.
- Fundraising - I contacted the Miller Pecan Company regarding their fundraiser. Personally, I was not impressed. I sent them an email requesting additional information and I never heard back from them. Then I called them. I was told that we select the items we wish to sell, we set our prices for the items and need to add at least \$1 per item for shipping. The orders can be no less than 1/2 cases (12 items) and we MUST sell a minimum of 3 cases total. I did some additional sleuthing on fundraisers and it is overwhelming. I don’t see us doing a fundraiser in the Spring beside our annual plant sale and potential book sale. Unless one of the board members wants to look into it.
- Policies - Every library in the State has numerous polcies for EVERYTHING! “They” believe that ALL libraries should have similar policies. We just received notice that we should have a “Use of Public Rooms” policy, an “Inclement Weather” policy, and a “Patron Conduct” policy. Sarah had the section on policies when she did the worksheets for the Per Capita Grant, and indicated that we are working on a “Patron Conduct” policy. You have a conduct policy that another library sent to us and I changed the library name only. I ask that you review said policy and let me know your thoughts/changes/additions and I will fix it to pertain to Chrisman Public Library.
- Trustee emails - I talked to Matt at Tech Doc and said he would handle it. Once it’s up and working, I’ll let you know. In the meantime, you should have the list with everyone’s email addresses. And we have some pretty tech savvy board members that could help us, too!
- New equipment - It has been suggested that we purchase with money from the Tech Grant a Large Print Keyboard and a computer screen magnifier for one public computer. We still have money in the Tech Grant and if we don’t spend it, we have to give back what we don’t use. Any more ideas would be greatly appreciated if it will help the library help patrons!

Library Income for January :

Fines :	\$ 14.25
Copies:	\$ 13.75
Library cards	\$ 30.00
Donations	\$ 100.50
TOTAL	\$ 158.50

Deposits for January:

General	\$ 164.75
TOTAL	\$ 164.75

Danny motioned to accept the Librarian’s Report. Jamie seconded. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the Librarian’s Report. The motion carried.

New Business:

* Fundraising - The Miller Pecan company does not seem to be a good fit for us. We will keep looking for other possible fundraisers.

*Policies - Each board member received a copy of the “Patron Conduct” policy and we will need to look it over and see if there are any needed changes.

*Trustee emails - Waiting to hear from Matt at Tech Doc when the emails are up and running.

*New equipment - Danny motioned to approve purchase of 2 large print keyboards using the Tech Grant. Rick seconded. All present board members voted “yes” to purchasing 2 large print keyboards using the Tech Grant. The motion carried.

Barb motioned to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Jamie. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. All present board members voted “yes” to adjourning the meeting. The motion carried.