

April 9, 2026 Chrisman Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Melody Gross, Rose Hollingsworth, Rick Jenness, Lori Mallory, Barb Oates

Absent: Sherrie Lewis, Danny Owen & Jamie Stokes

Staff Present: Cheri Oates

Public Present: N/A

Public Comments: N/A

A meeting was called to order by President, Melody Gross at 6:00 p.m.

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

The Minutes from the March 12, 2026 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rose, seconded by Barb. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the regular meeting minutes from March 12, 2026. The motion carried.

Bookkeeper’s Report for March 2026:

Checking/General	\$11,436.40
Fundraising	<u>\$ 6,744.98</u>
TOTAL	\$18,181.38
Tech Grant	\$ 659.69
Story Walk	\$ 3,626.72

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

Librarian’s Report:

- Statistics for March 2026: New items cataloged 68, items we loaned our patrons 301, items we loaned other libraries 164, internet user sessions 3, electronic books 19 & patrons inside the library 314.
- Our last Story Time was held on April 2 and our guest reader was Lisa McCormick. We had 10 children. The parents and kids were asked what they wanted to do as a craft. Some said “no coloring” and others didn’t care. But they all wanted Story Time twice a month.
- The Chrisman Page Turners book club was on Wednesday, April 8 at 6pm and the book “West with Giraffes” written by Lynda Rutledge and it was “hosted” by Barb Oates with 16 in attendance. Good discussion. The next meeting is on May 6 and Mary Rank is “hosting” the discussion about “Broken Country”, written by Clare Leslie Hall.
- Yoga classes are still popular and we have about 6 regulars who come every other Tuesday.

- The book signing that was supposed to happen today, didn't. The author, Debbie Jo Holmquist, left us two messages yesterday wanting a response whether we were hosting her book signing and since she received no reply after her first message, she left a second message that she was canceling. As it was Wednesday, we were closed but when coming in for Book Club, her calls were returned and left a message that we were sorry to not have her here, especially after letting the public know of this occasion. We will not reschedule for her to come in.
- New equipment: We ordered the audio players and they are here. It will be publicized that we have them and we will make calls to certain patrons that we have them.
- Spring Fling - Sign up sheets are available to sign up. I ordered 24 glasses from the company (Stainless Detail Co.) Jamie suggested and they should be here tomorrow. We ordered 6 different colors and will get them to our engraver ASAP to give him time to have them ready for Spring Fling! We will sell them for \$20. Jamie is working on the book bags as of this writing
- Programs - We have an offer of having an amazing singing program. The cost is \$500. That seems high and may not be financially feasible but need to check.
- Building maintenance - We need downspouts on the building. We need the new city insurance people to come look at this building. The flooring is coming up in the south hall. We need the front tiles fixed over the awning. We need tuck pointing on the back of the building.
- Parking signs - We need library parking signs for the seven posts out front. The ones we've seen state "During Library Hours, Library Parking Only".

Library Income for March:

Fines :	\$ 4.25
Copies:	\$ 6.25
Library cards	\$ 60.00
Donations	\$ 6.25
Feed the Pig	\$ 22.64
Faxes	\$ 1.00
Sales (flower bed)	\$ 25.00
TOTAL	\$ 125.39

Deposits for March:

General	\$ 90.00
TOTAL	\$ 90.00

Rose motioned to accept the Librarian's Report. Barb seconded. All present board members voted "yes" to accept the Librarian's Report. The motion carried.

New Business:

*Spring Fling - will be on Saturday, May 2. Flowers on Main is ready to go. Book sale setup will be on Thursday and will run Friday and Saturday. Will sell book bags at the book sale.

*Programs - The idea of having karaoke for Story Time was brought up. Cheryl and Elmer would be willing to setup karaoke for the kids during a future Story Time at a cost of \$50. Melody motioned to pay Cheryl and Elmer \$50 to setup karaoke during a future Story Time. Barb seconded. All present board members voted "yes" for karaoke. The motion carried.

*Building maintenance - see Librarian's report. Need to get the new city insurance people in for an inspection.

*Parking signs - will need to talk to the city. We would need 7 signs and we would be willing to pay for them. Lori motioned to purchasing parking signs for the library. Barb seconded. All present board members voted "yes" for purchasing parking signs. The motion carried.

Rose motioned to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Rick. Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. All present board members voted "yes" to adjourning the meeting. The motion carried.