

Wharton Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes: November 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Michele Howe at 7:07pm

Present: Ana Jones, Michele Howe, Colleen Pascale, Christopher Roman, Dr. Connie Sanchez, Deb Dimattio

Also in attendance: Virginia Halperin, Library Director

Absent: Lenor Vasquez

Public Notice - Read aloud by Mrs. Howe followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve the minutes from October 2025 meeting: Ms. Pascale, seconded by Ms. Dimattio

Correspondence

- Estimate received from Carolina Blue Painting, LLC. – need at least 2 more for comparison

Committee Report: Reviewed bill list and Motion to pass resolution 61, bills list totaling \$4950.54 by Ms. Jones, second Mr. Roman; approved.

President's Report: Mrs. Howe:

- Friends' funds transfer remains on hold – since Joe Kovalcik's passing Dave Young is interim contact
- Dr. Connie Sanchez, Superintendent of Schools Intro to Board of Trustees
- Mentioned Friends' future fundraising

Library Director's Report Highlights:

- Fire Inspection completed and library passed.
- Awaiting repairs; closet installation removal due to mold, Rekeying bathroom and closet keypad
- Many documents were finally moved offsite to DPW storage (old Wharton docs and Canal Society)
- Gaming License renewed by the state
- AARP tax prep room request submitted for Spring – Kevin Green is new AARP Team Member
- Applebee's Dine to Donate on 11/19/25 – Friends of Library fundraiser
- Lisa's Library donated nearly \$4k worth of books for the book sale, Friends Fundraiser
- Great program attendance for month of October

Public Portion - No members of the public were present.

Old Business – None

New Business – 2026 Holidays and Library Board of Trustees Meeting Dates reviewed and approved. Resolution 63 for Holidays, Resolution 64 for Meeting Dates

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:02pm by Ms. Pascale, seconded by Ms. Jones- all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm