

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Wednesday February 18, 2026 4:00 PM
Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

1. Call to Order- Patricia Sanders, President, called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM
2. Attendance: Kristen D'Urso, Henrietta Horvay, Patricia Sanders, Rebecca Prause, Anne Green and Library Director Philip Armentrout.
3. Acceptance of Minutes of January 21, 2026 Meeting: MOTION by Henrietta, seconded by Anne, to accept the minutes as corrected with the note that it was Kristen who reached out to the Lakeview games club teacher, not Lynette. Motion passed.
4. Acceptance of Minutes of February 6th, 2026 Special Meeting: MOTION by Rebecca, seconded by Henrietta, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.
5. Matters Arising from Minutes: Rebecca requested an update on the Computer Obsession quotation. Computer Obsession does not offer a lower priced plan. As we needed Computer Obsession at the moment, we did not cancel and will re-evaluate next year. Computer Obsession has quoted \$1500 for a new website for the library which needs to be updated. We also paid Timely for calendar support which is \$350 for a yearly service. We will be over budget with the computer costs since the money is due in March but the next budget year is July. Seth and Virginia confirmed in a separate meeting that this is OK since there is nothing we can do. Timely was already accounted for in the 2025-2026 budget.
6. Interim Library Director Report: Attached
 - a. The library is trying to increase engagement with patrons. Kate determined that a lot of accounts predated the Buzz newsletter, so the library is in the process of collecting email accounts of patrons. The library is considering changing the wording on the application so that the Buzz is emailed to all library card holders unless they request to opt out.
 - b. The Library Director reported that staff identify themselves when answering the phones.
 - c. The Library Director reached out to Ashely Sullivan at Lakeview regarding the games club and the escape room.
 - i. Transportation is an issue- Philip will work with Erin at Parks and Rec to arrange senior transportation. Kristen will reach out to Lakeview to see how we can use a licensed van/bus driver to transfer the students to the library. The game-club would be held on half days before sports practices.
 - ii. Escape Room kits - This is still being worked out. The superior kit is about \$199. They discussed the possibility of the kids in the game club creating

from scratch. Can the kit be reused or is it a one time event for local families? Further discussion is needed.

d. Additional engagement ideas-

1. As a way to encourage teens to participate at the library, Kristen suggested programs used by other CT libraries such as a teen council, tutoring, and reading programs by teens to younger students learning to read. Teen council can suggest programs and get involved in social media for the library.
2. A local resident is a knitting teacher, and would be happy to offer knitting programs for adults and children and suggested including various types of knitting books into the program. Kristen to discuss further with Philip.
3. Rebecca suggested programs for the 250th anniversary this year. She suggested working with Mark Albertson for programs and coordinating with other communities. We would like to work with the historical society to plan events.

e. A copy of the monthly budget vs actual report should be included in the Director's report every month. Philip will provide this from now on.

f. MOTION by Henrietta, seconded by Rebecca to accept the Director's report. Motion passed.

7. Treasurer's Report: Anne reviewed the report. Rebecca requested clarification as to whether the money market account is getting the larger interest rate at Torrington Savings Bank since they offer two types of accounts. This will be discussed with Lynette at the next meeting. MOTION by Henrietta, seconded by Rebecca, to receive the treasurer's report. Motion Passed.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business: None

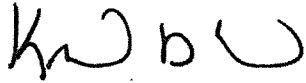
10. Correspondence: None

11. Public Comment: Marianne Stilson thanked the board for all their hard work and then reminded the Library Director that this isn't a children's library and that programs should be considered for adults as well. The board discussed the current adult programs and Philip is working on future programming.

12. All Other Business Rightly Before the Board: None

13. Adjournment: MOTION by Henritta to adjourn, seconded by Anne at 5:01 PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristen D'Urso, Library Board Director

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Attest Brian Z. Burr
Goshen Town Clerk