

Rushford Free Library Board Meeting

March 18, 2026

In Attendance:

Marty Sabato, hereinafter M.S.
Amy Chiu, hereinafter A.C.
Allison Barnes, hereinafter A.B.
Kristin Barber, hereinafter K.B.
Sandy Gustafson, hereinafter S.G.
Kate Drum, hereinafter K.D.
Evan Cobb, hereinafter E.C.
Becky Cole, hereinafter B.C.

Absent:

Jessica Hoxie, hereinafter J.H.
Amy Stromberg, hereinafter A.S.

Prior to the meeting, all Board members were provided copies of:

- March 2026 Meeting Agenda
- February 2026 Meeting Minutes
- February 2026 Director's Report
- February 2026 Financial Report
- February 2026 Program Report

Call to Order:

7:04 p.m.

Review of Public Comment Policy/Procedure

February 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the Minutes by S.G. Motion seconded by A.B. Motion carried.

President's Report

- June 20, 2026 Car Show. Need volunteers to assist with our booth. Maybe Kaleena could be available to do that?
- Dr. Suess Night at school was a success. Approximately 70 kids plus a parent (nearly 150 people) passed by the booth

- Warren Pomeroy passed away. Board agrees to donate \$100 to the Fire Department in his memory and in recognition of Alfred Reynolds' service to the library
- Library received a request for use of the library space for a private social event. Board declines the use of the library for any private events.

Library Director Report

Motion to accept the Report by K.B. Motion seconded by E.C. Motion carried.

Bookkeeper's Financial Report

Current VanGuard balance is \$596,869.95

Motion to accept the Report by K.D. Motion seconded by A.B.. Motion carried.

Program Coordinator Report

Emphasis on the necessity of receiving timely monthly reports.

The Board would like to see a monthly kids' program incorporated into the calendar

Motion to accept the Report by K.B. Motion seconded by E.C. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Building Project: To quell any perceived concerns about a new library's impact on local taxes, M.S. spoke with Dustin Snyder, Town Assessor, and Brian Hildreth from STLS. Both confirm that our building project will NOT increase taxes. The library's share of taxes is utilized for expenses, not for any construction project.
- The Transfer Agreement is still in progress. The Town Board introduced the Agreement and posted it to their website. The comment period has closed without any public comment. The Agreement now enters the Resolution phase.
- STLS Foundation Grant was submitted for a new laptop computer
- Ralph Wilson Foundation Grant is available for all Allegany County libraries to stock a Lending Library for active sports. Board generated a list of various sports equipment that we could store and lend and will submit a grant request.

New Business

- Long Range Plan – Board members reviewed Long Range Plans from other similarly sized libraries. Will continue to work on updating our Long Range Plan.
- Fundraiser Ideas – Pie Raffle Event. Duck Race event planning is in full swing.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm by A.C. Motion seconded by A.B.
Motion carried.

Next meeting: April 15, 2026.