

Daniel Pierce Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 18, 2026

A meeting of the Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library was called to order at 7:05 pm with President Mari Martin presiding. Other Trustees present were Cathy Coombe, Leanore Egan, Scott Allison, Pat Doogan, David Schneyer, and Jared Larson. Also present was Cathy Russo, Library Manager, and guest Philip Coombe Jr.

Public Comments: Philip Coombe Jr. presented concept drawings for a proposed addition to the library for the purpose of housing a potential donation of sculpted art by a local artist. The Buildings and Grounds committee will review the proposed project, coordinate with the architect and initiate the project when appropriate.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Financial Reports: C Russo presented the financial statements for February. The Balance sheet figures were similar to the previous month. The Donut Day fund raiser was a success. There was also a PILOT Payment received in February. Otherwise, income and expenses for operations were within their normal ranges for the month of February. Cash flow was positive once again.

It was moved by P Doogan and seconded by D Schneyer to accept the financial statements for February 2026. Motion carried.

Director's Report: C Russo presented the Directors Report for February into March. She highlighted activities and programs sponsored by the library. Deirdre McHugh presented the Children's Corner, and Nicole Richardson presented the Community Engagement Corner. The full report is attached.

Old Business: M Martin reported on the status of the library sign project. She met with Deb Lemming (creator of the original sign) in Delhi March 9 to tour the area and see other signs she designed. Mari shared a proposed sign design created by Ms. Lemming. The Trustees reviewed the proposed design, and C Russo reported on comments and thoughts on the design by staff members. Mari will take the comments and ideas back to Ms. Lemming to revise her design. C Russo reported that the cost of the sign will be fully covered by a grant received from Central Hudson.

It was moved by S Allison and seconded by D Schneyer to move forward with the sign project by issuing any required deposit to the designer. Motion carried.

New Business:

M Martin reported that DPL received a Grace Grant for 2026. The grant intended for libraries and historical organizations in the Catskills and Upper Delaware regions to help create youth skill-building and growth opportunities by way of developing programming or offering internships for middle and high-school students.

M Martin met with two Tri-Valley Central School junior students who will be donating 20 hours each to do landscape and clean-up work.

Proposed library grounds cleanup dates: May 2; no rain date.

Committee Updates: None

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Coombe,
Recording Secretary