

Solomon Wright Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2026
6:00PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call by Bob (Chair) at 6:04 PM. In attendance: Bob, Claire, Emily, Alyssa, Cristina, Patience, Carol, Julius, Richard. Absent: Helen.
2. Bob made a motion to approve minutes from August 10th, 2026.
3. Introduction of potential NEW Board Member: Christina Perez Ayala Cano
4. Treasurer's Report by Richard
 - a. Financial picture is stable and strong. Exceeded budget goals on grant revenue and fundraising.
5. Director's Report by Emily.
 - a. Motion approved for covering hotel costs for Emily to attend NE Library Association Conference.
 - b. Tour de Pownal on October 3rd, 9-12 pm. 17 riders signed up so far. Come, eat waffles! Volunteering encouraged.
 - c. Working on adult programming for winter months, such as collaboration with VAE/Rhonda for pottery, basic drawing, collaging.
 - d. Thinking ahead for strategic planning in year ahead, potentially with consultant.
6. Committee updates:
 - a. Fundraising – Richard
 - i. Tote bags sent to all Patrons who donated \$50 or more during the fund drive.
 - b. Event Planning – Richard

- i. Donor & Volunteer Appreciation event on October 17th, 5-7 PM. All invitees are encouraged to bring a spouse/partner.
 - 1. Working with Kate Brogan from Four Chimneys for catering. They are bringing linens, etc.
 - 2. We are setting up table and chairs, providing drinks.
 - 3. \$2,000 budget for this event
 - 4. Honor Murray Lewis?
 - 5. Consider cleaner for special event
- c. Landscape and Maintenance – Julius / Bob
 - i. Fire safety inspection. Need 2 more fire extinguishers near back doors: quote is \$185.08.
 - ii. Think about cleaning support 2x/month from June-September.
 - iii. We need to hire someone to take care of shrubs, etc. this fall. Richard has someone in mind.
 - iv. Bob discussing memorial plaques with Kate and Jonathan Cooper; looking into pricing.
- 7. Any additional business to discuss:
 - a. Ballot Measure - any change will require signatures. Concerns if we combine two costs (maintenance + salary) into \$45K, there will be “sticker shock” at the polls.
 - b. Discussion on getting more programming that appeals to “grumpy old men.”
 - c. Motion passed to vote Cristina to the board. She has volunteered to be secretary!
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.