

Minutes of the Inlet Public Library Board Meeting

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Members present: Sue Beck, Jean Bird, Jennifer Blakeman, Katie Chambers, Kim Egenhofer, Becky Hasemeier, Mary Jane Lasher, JoAnn Meneilly, Mary Lou Reich, Library Director Joanne Kelly, Lynn Keough

Excused: Jeanne Wilson

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by President Kim Egenhofer
2. Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Sue seconded by Becky.
3. Approval of January Meeting Minutes: The previously distributed minutes were approved on a motion by Katie seconded by JoAnn..
4. Approval of Treasurer's Report: (copies attached)

For February: Disbursements were \$10,068.30, which included a payment of \$7,900. to Allegion Access Technologies and \$984.28 for Risley Electric for automatic door system and installations. Receipts were \$1,555.90. The checking account balance as of February 28, 2026, was \$25,430.02. The Certificate of Deposit balance was \$25,981.22. The total of all funds as of February 28, 2026, was \$51,411.24. The February report was approved on a motion by Jean, seconded by Sue.

Katie made a motion: "I move to approve the 2025 Inlet Library Annual Report to the State with the stipulation/provision that the Library Director/Treasurer are authorized to make any subsequent technical or clarifying corrections as may be required or instructed by the State for final acceptance." Motion seconded by Sue. Board approved.

5. Library Director's Report: Joanne distributed her report (copy attached) and reviewed each item. Of importance the Library Director is seeking substitute personnel, as needed during the winter months. Lynn volunteered to be a backup. Will continue search. Joanne is on a committee for 250th Birthday Celebration. Shared information and idea for a story walk. Joanne will keep board abreast.
6. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Inlet Area Community Task Force: Jennifer reported: Farm Stand on hold for month of March. Senior Bag Lunch serves 17-18 in Inlet/Eagle Bay/Big Moose Areas. Total of 55 served weekly. Researching whom is the Contact for Hamilton County Office of Aging. There is a collaboration between Adirondack Action and Blue Mountain Center to improve Social Services in Hamilton County. Libby Zupnik is the new Food Security Program Coordinator and Director of Old Forge Farmers Market. Ezra Maille Adirondack Almanack promoting community news. Joanne will send Jean's article to him at ezra@adirondackexplorer.org
 - b. Strategic Planning: Kim distributed Jeanne's updated report on the project status (copy attached)

- c. Grants Update: The automatic doors project is completed. JoAnn reported the Town will be sending a check for the pledged amount of \$3,000. Katie sent a letter to Town Clerk requesting the pledged amount. Jean Bird's picture and article on the automatic door were in the March 6, 2026 Adirondack Express. Adirondack Community Foundation Grant Program: request in the amount of \$5,000 for project of architectural design work for both the interior and courtyard will be notified end of March 2026.
- d. Window Update: Joanne reported Anderson Window has not completed repair at this time.
- e. Frozen Fire and Lights - Joanne reported 224 patrons visited the library. \$179 used book sales. Kite decorating a huge success. Next year need to improve set up to handle crowd.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Decorations: Storage is limited need to go through which items are used or need to be eliminated. Joanne will contact Barb Thibado to identify items she uses. Board members were encouraged to assist in process and remove any items. The used book room needs to be cleaned, sorted to provide room for decoration items as well as "Dusty Books" removed from circulation. No specific times were set up.
- b. Host IABA Meeting on May 5, 2026. Meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Joanne will let Jill March know. IABA will provide refreshments at Screaming Eagle after meeting.
- c. Jeanne Whyte, Architect Presented 3 phases of providing an architectural design. An informative presentation. Discussion/questions resulted in realization the NYS Construction grant is too soon to complete. More appropriate will be to develop our "Wish List" after completion of focus group process for development of our Strategic Plan. This will provide scope of work to develop a proposed budget which is needed for any grant application. Our Exterior space construction needs to be after interior space, as would be trampled by any interior construction. Can contact Raquette Lake and Old Forge library for references. Suggested Linda Weal, Old Forge Library Director as a valuable resource for design ideas and possible grants. Jeanne's cost is 5% of construction. She is available for any questions/assistance. The board will keep her abreast of our planning.

OTHER: Scrapbooks - Sue reported 2025 scrapbooks are completed. They are on bench and shelves to view.

Next Regular Meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 2:00 pm at the library

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm on a motion by Kim, seconded by Becky

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Blakeman, Trustee