

Monroeville Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2026

Meeting held virtually

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present

- Meredith, Kelly (President, Ward 7)
- Lucas, Cindy (Vice-President, Ward 2)
- Crane, Michael (Secretary/Treasurer, Immediate Past President, Ward 1)
- Kinnunen, Marty (Ward 4)
- Manners, Katherine (Ward 5)
- Markosek, Joe (Ward 3)
- Toney, Phillip (Ward 6)
- Non-voting
 - Henline, Nicole (Library Director)
 - Bodzioc, Pam (Assistant Director)
 - English, Dave (ACLA Liaison)
 - Lindsey, Diane (Friends of the Monroeville Public Library)
 - Carol Snyder (Friends of the Monroeville Public Library)

Agenda

- I. Public Comment
 - A. None
- II. Friends of the Monroeville Public Library
 - A. Congratulations on the success of the Mini Golf fundraiser.
 - B. In 2025 1,637 volunteer hours for the Library and Friends' events were donated and recorded.
 - C. February 28 is the Call For Artists for the gallery space. Artists are asked to bring in three samples and will schedule through 2028.
 - D. March is the Gateway art show. Saturday, March 7 is the opening gala, lots of family are expected to attend.
 - E. March will also be used for backpack food drive.
 - F. March 14-28 is the Five Below fundraiser.
 - G. The next trivia night is Saturday, March 21.
 - H. The Sarris fundraiser ends March 22.

- I. April 15 will be a fundraiser at Primanti Brothers.

III. Municipal Update

- A. Can start hiring process for part-time positions. Proposal for two part-time positions for desk duties, which will allow Bill to spend more time in the Maker Lab.
- B. Getting a better sense of municipal funding for the next three to five years. Expecting to be an initial loss of revenue during construction at the mall property, but then anticipating 30-40% increase around 2029-2030 fiscal year.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes - January 2026
- B. Finances - December 2025
- C. Book Nook and Concession - January 2026
- D. Statistics - January 2026

Motion to approve Consent Agenda

Motion made by Markosek

Seconded by Manners

No Discussion

Approved with unanimous vote.

V. Director's Report

A. Grants

1. For the Outreach Position being shared between Monroeville, Plum and Penn Hills, we have a Meeting Friday with Graebel. To date, have received \$20,000, and will get another \$20,000.

Plum has \$15,000 from the PNC Foundation, and an application in for an additional \$25,000.

Directors of Plum and Penn Hills libraries are both leaving. This process has already been on an extended timeline with Graebel, will have to examine how they view more delays with the other two directors leaving.

B. Building Updates

1. No updates

C. Mini Golf

1. Many thanks to all for the wonderful event. Brought in about \$4,000 of sponsorships. With tickets, sponsorships, food sales, and course rentals, a rough estimate is that the event will make about \$11,500. Lots of library card signups during the day as well.

D. Discovery Gardens

1. Meeting with Hope and Paul Estok to plan for the future. Estok has funding to make discovery garden at Monroeville Community park near the wedding gazebo and wants the library involved.

VI. ACLA Report

- A. The Governor has proposed level funding for the public library subsidy. ACLA is asking for a \$7.3 million increase. Last year started at level funding and then a \$5 million increase passed after the budget process was finished. The current subsidy is a little under \$75.5 million, and with the governor's emphasis on education and workforce training in budget, ACLA feels we should ask for an increase. The process will include talking with our local state-level officials (Senator Nick Pisciotano, Representative Brandon Markosek) and a visit to Harrisburg in early April.
- B. ACLA is developing other funding requests for the future, such as RAD, more details to come.

VII. Old Business

- A. With the recent staffing transitions, will check with Graziani tomorrow and then post part time positions to begin hiring process.
- B. The Monroeville Senior Center is applying for a grant for their own laser engraver and long-arm quilting machine.

VIII. Committees

A. Fund Development

1. Events Committee

- a) Events committee met about Mini Golf and Donor Party. Will begin to make plans for the upcoming tea in June.
- b) The Donor Party is April 25. Invitations will be sent to all sponsors, volunteers, donors, and anyone who contributes to the library.
- c) Previous tea hosts will be getting an email to ask if they will be hosting a table again this year. Theme is Fables and Fairy Tales.

2. Donor Acquisition, Retention Stewardship

- a) Will be focusing on two big projects this year, National Library Week and increasing donations during Love Your Library month.

Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Kinnunen

Seconded by Markosek

No discussion

Approved with unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Upcoming events

- February 28 - Call for Artists
- March 14-28 - Five Below fundraiser
- March 21 - Trivia Night
- Through March 22 - Sarris fundraiser
- April 15 - Primanti Brothers fundraiser
- April 25 - Donor Party
- June 7 - Tea fundraiser

Next scheduled Board meeting is Monday, March 23 at 7 p.m.