

February 9, 2026, Regular meeting of the Edmeston Free Library

Attending: Kelly Bennis, Karen Zaleski, Joel Staples, Missy Swart, Laura Bennett, Toni Zaleski Library Director, Kristy Riley EFL employee

Absent: Martha Winsor

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

Public attendees

-None

Meeting Minutes January 12, 2026 Annual Meeting (att)

-Karen made a motion to accept, Laura 2nd, approved

Meeting Minutes January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting (att)

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Correspondence

-None

EFL Annual Audit Report

-New portal is coming, Toni and Martha getting ready to input information

-Joel needs to meet with Paul Rowe before he can do his section of report

Financial Report (att)

-Kristy will go over monthly report as it was just received prior to meeting

Management Report (att)

-Children's donated books catalogued and on the shelves

-Community Cupboard will be using EFL space for a Soup Fundraiser 3/31/26

-County First Aid Mental Health Training being requested for 4/15/26, Toni will get more information from county before approval

-EFL still needs elevator inspected, Joel pursuing

Programming Report (att)

-OPWDD requested to use space for recruitment event

-Mommy and Me photo event 3/14/26

NEW BUSINESS

By Laws change (att)

-Motion made by Missy to make following change, Karen 2nd, approved:

Remove the office of “Treasurer” from the By-Laws and replace it as “Finance Director” a non-board member position to serve under the control of the Board and the Accountant Services of Paul Rowe. This position will be paid an hourly rate for the services of doing our banking, checking bills and payments and assisting with the creation of and monitoring of the budget throughout the year. This person will also check with our accounting service as needed and report regularly to the board.

-Also discussed changing language regarding Quorums in the By Laws, but board needs clarification on state library rules first.

Building Updates

-Missy reached out to Simple Integrity regarding the grease trap. They are working with a new engineer but will get us an estimate soon.

-Estimate received for Deck Staining by Simple Integrity for \$6110 which includes pressure washing, staining and clean-up.

-Estimate received for Gutters by Simple Integrity for \$5615 which includes front porch, lower back café area and downspouts.

Fundraising

-Rotary dinners March 3, April 28, and June 9

-Discussed Fundraiser mailer

-May 1st is Garage Sale Days

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm