

AVON FREE LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING February 23, 2026 | 6:30pm

Present: Helen Zamboni, Josh Tonra, Kevin Patrick, Collin Hayes, Ann Younger, Catherine Loomis, Jodi DeCarlo, Becky Stewart, Saragrace Friday.

Absent: Ryan Spall, Cheryl MacPherson, Saragrace Friday

Guests: None.

Call to Order at 6:30 pm

Public Comment: None.

Minutes of November:

- Adopted as submitted with minor edit. Jodi moves, Collin seconds. Passes unanimously.

Friends Report: Ryan absent due to illness. No report.

Finance Report (Kevin):

- CD maturing 3/16/26. Helen proposes renewal, after review of potential interest rates.
- Budget Report and balance sheets shared. Not much to report this early in the year.
- Transactions Report shared. Vouchers reviewed for payment. Saragrace moves, Jodi seconds. Passes unanimously.

Director's Report:

- Grace absent from the meeting. Director's report shared.

Committee Reports:

- **Facilities** (Helen): Backyard project issues discussed last meeting appear to be resolved. See director's report.
- **Finance** (Kevin): Nothing beyond the finance report, except that a few old, unused credit cards were closed out.
- **Fundraising** (Becky): Waiting for final numbers on backyard project. Will also be pushing tickets for the Lions Library Fundraiser Trivia Night on Friday, February 27, 2026.
- **Personnel** (Helen): Went into executive session at 6:40 p.m. Out of executive session at 6:45.
- **Policy** (Josh): Three proposed policies sent to the new policy committee. Committee will discuss in advance of next meeting.

Old Business:

- Lions Fundraiser on February 27, 2026. Tickets still available.

New Business:

- FFRPL Fund Grant Agreement approval. Jodi moves, Catherine seconds. Passes unanimously.
- Personnel change report submitted for approval. Jodi moves, Ann seconds. Passes unanimously.
- Tax Cap Resolution language updated to the correct date.

Whereas, the adoption of the 2027 budget for the Avon Free Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c, adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the governing board of a local library to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by at least sixty percent of the total voting power of that governing board;

Now, therefore, it is resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Avon Free Library voted and approved, by at least a sixty percent majority of its total membership, to override the tax levy limit for the 2027 fiscal year as required by state law, at a meeting held on February 23, 2026.

Jodi moves, Kevin seconds. Passes unanimously.

Adjournment: 6:52 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 30, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,
Joshua Tonra
Secretary