

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes May 26, 2026 - 7:15 PM

A closed executive session from 6:45pm.

1. Roll Call: Tom Melvin (Vp), Aubrey Ludwig Ellman, Dianne Hull, Alec Staley, Jessica (Jess) Massey, Quincy Carpenter, Maura Cullen, Beth Soch (Friends), Heather Cullen (Public)
2. Call to order: 7:21
3. Public Comment: none
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 21st, 2026 Quincy motions, Dianne seconds
5. Friends of the Library Report: Book and Bake sale \$3509.84 total, slightly less than last fall. Cashbox is being kept by the Friends instead of handing over to the library nightly.
6. Library Director's report:
 - a. April 2026 Numbers Report – Circulation is way up across the board. Door count is consistent. Programs are doing well. Lindsey's story times are well attended, getting great feedback. She transitioned an afternoon storytime to a playgroup.
 - b. The Library has purchased a new story time rug with a grant given to the Library by the Rotary Club of Swarthmore. Foam dinosaur bones (a passive activity) were also purchased with this grant.
 - c. Summer Reading Theme will be dinosaurs. Summer reading programming will run June 15-August 14. June 17 will be a kick-off party. A new large Jenga set was purchased. It was suggested that the blocks be painted book themed. Merchants of Swarthmore made a monetary donation for the Library to purchase prizes.
 - d. Thursday hours will be extended to 7:00 PM effective June 1st.
 - e. New story book walk at Crum Creek–bird themed. How can we get recipes for the recipe walk? Engage Swarthmore organizations?
 - f. A teen volunteer program is starting up with 12 teens signed up. Orientation will be June 1; however, volunteers will be accepted on an ongoing basis.
 - g. Borough Council Human Relations Committee is putting together a Time Capsule that will be displayed in the Library for 25 years. The Human Library program will be piloted this fall in collaboration with the HRC as well.
 - h. The amphitheater is flooding. The borough is applying for a grant to remedy this issue. The library has written a letter of support for the grant.
7. Special Projects Report: Library Renovation
 - a. Design Committee (Quincy/ Jess/ Alec/ Jenifer)
 - i. Updates - Children's entrance will come out farther to better use the space and add more exciting entrance. A tree theme is developing. Alec has started in person furniture shopping.
 - b. Capital Campaign Committee (Aubrey/ Dianne/ Jess/ Beth/ Tom)
 - i. Updates – new donations received and pledged. Keller was paid. Aubrey, Beth, and Alec spoke with Francis Sheehan who gave guidance on fundraising.
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Committee (Libby, Tom):
 - i. April financial summary
 - b. Fundraising/Development Committee (Maura/Jess/Quincy/Tom):
 - i. Community Giving Day- raised \$1,415

- ii. Delco Gives - \$7,705 + bonus (will find out amount in June) – should we move our annual appeal letter to coincide with Delco Gives?
 - c. Personnel and Policies Committee (Jess/Libby/Quincy):
 - i. Updates- Conversations are moving forward
 - d. Nominating Committee (Jess/Maura):
 - i. Updates - Heather Cullen (Board applicant) introduced herself and shared her reasons for moving to Swarthmore and her career experience.
9. Old business:
- a. Next DCL Board meeting:
 - i. Thursday, June 18, 2026 - Maura (Jess backup)
 - In person or Zoom webinar – Delaware County Government Center County Council Room First Floor or Zoom 2026: Jun 18, Aug 20, Oct 15, Dec 17
10. New business:
- a. 2027 Borough Contribution Request – we will need to decide at our next meeting. There is a desire to keep staff compensation competitive and give a cost of living raise.
11. Adjournment: Aubrey motions, Jess seconds

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 7:15pm