Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2026

The meeting was held at Opendore.

PRESENT: Nancy Hart, Pat Berry, Bess Simkin, Connie Rejman, Sonjia Turner, and Kathie Garnsey.

EXCUSED: Lisa Semenza and Betsy Donald

President Nancy Hart called the meeting to order at 6:39 P.M.

MINUTES TO JULY MEETING: A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Connie to accept the minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Betsy and seconded by Connie to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE:

- Water has been accumulating in phase 1 construction. We are looking into the cause and the meantime will buy a sump pump.
- We have a certificate of completion for phase 1.
- For phase 2 construction, we are waiting for architect plans and word from the state regarding the construction grant.
- We will apply for the construction grant for phase 3 in September 2027.

ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

Fundraising

- Discussion of in-person funding request visits was scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 5PM at Opendore.

Masonry

- Lisa met with two masons, Brad Beams from New York Contracting and Gavin Beebee who will get back to her with estimates for repairs needed on steps to the library porch.

Flea Market:

- We will put up fliers and then set up Friday, for Saturday 9/12 (9a-2pm).

OLD BUSINESS:

Booksale Wrap Up:

- We brought in ~$9,000.
- Pat recommended that a group of 3 organize future book sales to share the responsibilities.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 14 at 6:30 PM at Opendore.

Adjourned at 8:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonjia Turner

Library Director's Report
(Lisa Semenza)
August 10, 2026

July 25 – Book Sale opened.

July 27 – Nancy, Lisa, and Larry L met with representatives from architectural firm (HKK), Opendore, and contractor (Chuck Bouley) to discuss MEP needs related to phase 2 of the building project which will begin the exterior structure of the building.

- HKK is finalizing the building plans.
- Chuck Bouley will work with us to determine what we can afford to do in this phase.
- We will hold off until next summer to submit the construction grant for phase 3 as it is not yet clearly defined and we have not yet begun phase 2.
- We have been provided with the certificate of substantial completion for phase 1. We need to submit to the state to receive the final 10% for that phase.
- There is a grant that we can submit by Sept 1 through the Bolger Foundation. It has less specific requirements but can give substantial funding toward projects that have "lasting impact on the community" (including construction)

July 27 – $500 from Walmart grant was received.

July 28 – Doug's Fish Fry. Bake Sale held in conjunction with that (despite the rain!) and drinks and baked goods were moved into the firehouse for continued sale during the rest of the book sale.

Aug 1 – Wheat Harvest Festival – we had a table and offered crafts, information about library programs, and free raffles (t-shirts, posters, ice cream cones). 110 people stopped by and there were 69 raffle entries. It is a fun way to promote the library.

Aug 5 –

Aug 8 – Book Sale ended. As of 8/6 we had received 25 payments via PayPal from the sale. It seems worth it to offer as an option as many people do not use cash or checks in today's economy.

Upcoming

September 12 - Sherwood Treasures Flea Market - We are also using the PayPal account to receive registration payments for the Sept flea market event. So far we have received one registration. Information was handed out to all vendors at Wheat Harvest Festival and they seemed interested.