

Berlin Free Town Library
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 12, 2026

Meeting called to order at 8:01 p.m. (after annual meeting)

Roll Call: all present--Doug North, Jeff Bell, Stacey Hills, Cristi Lamontagne, Star Donovan, Maryellen Gilroy; Director Sara Rogers

Members of Public: Marie Sharkey

Minutes

Motion 2605 to approve December minutes by Stacey and second by Jeff passed by voice consensus.

Treasurer's Report

- \$1970 annual appeal donations received in December
- Tenant behind overall
- Possibility of Director having ability to pay bills

Director's Report

- Not many using NYT; we do now have the *WSJ*
- Computer: replacing desktop would be about \$600; area could be converted to another use
- Berlin senior student group running Bird Café Saturday
- Books being ordered through Ingram and Amazon
- Santa program successful
- No one attending the one day each month of job assistance
- Some seniors want to volunteer for community service credit.

Committee Reports

- Finance
- Collection Development
- See Director's report
- House and Grounds
- Smell emanating from tenant's hall; Jeff called to tell him this can't happen.
- Look into trash removal.
- Public Relations
- See Programming.
- Fundraising
- See Treasurer's report
- Programming-
- Photo Contest update: ad ready to go; program same as previous
- Personnel
- Staff evaluations completed by Director

Old Business

- Completing our 2023 Construction Grant

New Business

- Tenant's lease and concerns with tenant
- Eric Viner interested in getting involved in the library.

Executive Session (Personnel: Director's 2026 contract)

-Entered at 8:49

Adjournment

- Motion 2606 by Doug and second by Jeff to adjourn January's regular meeting at 9:35

Minutes submitted by Cristi Lamontagne

Next regular meeting: February 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.