Lone Cone Library District Board Meeting Minutes

October 19th, 2026, at 9:00am

Open to the Public

In person/Google Meet

The meeting of the Library District Board was held in person and via Google Meet on October 19th, 2026, at 9:00am.

Attendees: Isabella James (Board President), Todd Bissell (Board Vice President), Kimberleigh Campbell (Board Secretary), Emily Haight (Board Member), and Kerry Bentler (Library Director). Google Meet: Michael Donnellon (Board Member).

9AM Board Meeting

1. Call to Order at 9:00am
2. Additional Items/Changes to agenda None
3. Public Comment None
4. Consent Agenda

   Bella made a motion to discuss Consent Agenda items 4.1-4.7. Kim seconded.

   4.1 Approval of Agenda

   4.2 Approve September 21, 2026 (Meeting Minutes and Foundation minutes)

   4.3 Monthly Budget: Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position-September 2026)

   4.4 Monthly Budget: Profit & Loss (Statement of Activity-September 2026)

   4.5 Monthly Budget: Budget vs. Actuals: PDF & Excel (September 2026)

   4.6 Policy to Review: none

   4.7 2027 Draft Budget approval

   Emily made a motion to accept Consent Agenda items 4.1-4.7. Todd seconded. Vote to accept: All aye.

5. Monthly Reports and Stats -Q & A

The new flag pole has been ordered. Rhonda & John Oliver have offered to install it. A Bilingual Steam Assistant has been hired. The Draft Budget will go live today – it will be available on the files on the library's website as well as paper copies available at the library for anyone who is interested in looking at it. The Board will vote to accept the final 2027 budget at the December meeting, after the public has had time to look at it. Kerry has been working on multiple grant applications. She has been awarded the Lone Cone Legacy Trust grant and a state grant so far. Noel Night planning is underway – scheduled for December 4th. Kerry is partnering with the Town of Norwood and the Livery. The library will offer space for vendors to set up. Town Hall and the Livery are both at max capacity for vendors, so this is a great opportunity for the library to offer space and be even more present for Noel Night. The library will also have its annual cookie decorating event and coat drive. The Norwood Public School art show will be hosted at the library during this time, as well as the Fresh Foundation's regular once monthly hot meal. Assistant Director Sara Horn resigned last week. A loss for the library, we wish her well. Halloween day, library staff will be handing out candy and a book (while supplies last) for trick or treaters, from noon-4pm. The AV system is really difficult to use and unreliable- it needs work. Staff are working through solutions.

6. Friends of the Library update-Bella

No update today – the next Friends meeting will be held on November 3rd, 2026.

7. New Business None

8. Unfinished Business

8.1. Elect Officers for November 2026-October 2027 year

8.1.1. President nominees: Michael Donnellon and Isabella James

Kimberleigh made a motion to elect Michael Donnellon as President. Todd seconded. Vote to accept: All Aye. Michael abstained from voting.

8.1.2. Vice President nominee: Todd Bissell

Isabella made a motion to elect Todd Bissell as Vice President. Kimberleigh seconded. Vote to accept: All Aye. Todd abstained from voting.

8.1.3. Secretary nominee: Kimberleigh Campbell

Isabella made a motion to elect Kimberleigh Campbell as Secretary. Emily seconded. Vote to Accept: All Aye. Kimberleigh abstained from voting.

9. Adjournment Bella made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30am. Kim seconded. Vote to accept: All Aye.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2026, at 9am