LYME LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2026
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PRESENT: Laura Mooney, Chair, Joan Motyka, Vice Chair, Michael James, Secretary, Lori Caine, Lilian King, Karen Conniff, Chad Schaedler

EX OFFICIO: Melissa Fournier, Library Director

GUEST: Holly Rubino, Co-Chair, Friends of the Lyme Library, Jacqueline Jaffe, President, Lyme Library Foundation

1. CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Mooney called the meeting to order at 5:04

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER KAREN CONNIFF, AND NEW CHILDREN'S SERVICES LIBRARIAN, ROBERT IANNUCCI:
Chair Mooney welcomed Karen Conniff to the Library Board. Ms. Conniff has a wealth of experience in Lyme, including as a member of the Region 18 School Board. Welcome Karen! Chair Mooney also introduced Robert Iannucci, the new Children's Services Librarian. Robert shared his background as a librarian and his goals for the children's programming at the Library. Welcome Robert!

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Vice Chair Motyka MOTIONED for the minutes from September 2026 to be accepted as written; seconded by Mr. Schaedler. Minutes accepted unanimously.

4. Ms. Rubino, Co-Chair of The Friends of the Lyme Public Library reported that the new membership letter has been mailed to residents; the recent Book Sale was a tremendous success. Ms. Rubino reported that the Friends Board is discussing adding an auxiliary Board member; the Friends Board is planning on redoing an area of the patio surface to ensure patron safety. The Sweet Spot for December will be the Friends responsibility. Ms. Rubino reported that the Friends are discussing hosting a Staff Appreciation event in April and invited the Board to join them.

5. Ms. Jaffe explained the Foundation's purpose and goals for the Library; the Foundation meets once a year and plans and hosts the annual fundraising event at the Ivoryton Playhouse each summer. She reported that the endowment has remained stable; the Foundation has begun two new projects: a Sponsors/Patrons and a Legacy Program, both focused on supporting the Foundation endowment.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Fournier discussed with the Board the need for a more robust '27-'28 budget given the increase in expenditures and patron usage. Ms. Fournier discussed her request for a new full-time position for a Library Cataloguer. In addition, the Board and the Director discussed the overall proposed budget which will be voted on at the December meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

All committee reports will be updated at the next meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS: No report

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 by acclamation.

REMINDERS:

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS DECEMBER 2, 2026