

# SPARTA CARNEGIE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

**JANUARY 20, 2026**

President Mary-Ann Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Also present were Tom Lampen, Jane Ohanesian, Joy Luessenkamp, Janet Hayes, and Library Director Merri Jo Tuinstra. Absent was Dick Beauchamp.

Jane made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2025 meeting, Joy seconded it. Motion passed.

## 📌 Treasurers Report: Tom

- November Financial Report: Income from deposits during the month: \$870.55. Total expenses during the month: \$22,267.31. Revenue less expenses (MTD): \$(21,396.76). Revenue less expenses (YTD): \$38,519.03. Beginning cash balance (month): \$91,445.66. Ending cash balance: \$70,666.55. Total YTD income: \$13,300 over budget. Total YTD expenses: \$7,100 over budget. Total YTD net: \$6,200 better than budget. Janet made a motion to accept the November Financial Report, Jane seconded it. Motion passed.
- December Financial Report: Income from deposits during the month: \$1,151.66. Total expenses during the month: \$26,509.37. Revenue less expenses (MTD): ( \$25,357.71). Revenue less expenses (YTD): (63,169.48). Beginning cash balance (month): \$70,666.65. Ending cash balance: \$43,776.58. Total YTD income: \$14,600 over budget. Total YTD expenses: \$6,700 over budget. Total YTD net: \$7,900 better than budget. Joy made a motion to accept the December Financial Report, Janet seconded it. Motion passed.

## 📌 Library Directors Report: Merri Jo

- Millage renewal: We will be meeting on Feb 17 at 5:30 (before our regular meeting) to go through the resolution. We would like to have 4-6 Village and Township residents to be on our millage committee. So far we have Larry Carter and Sue Johnson from the village. Township residents to ask are Greg Peak and Connie Nelson. We will need a name of our committee. The paperwork for the county needs to be submitted to the Township by May 12. The election is August 4. Merri Jo is going to call Lakeland to ask for help.
- Cabin Fever Reading Program: starts pm Feb 2 and goes through March 31.
- Youth Rug: We purchased a gently used Youth rug for \$20 from Grant Library that was looking to rehome it.
- Advisory Meeting Report: n/a

- Township Meeting Report: n/a
  - Circulation Report: Our loans are exceeding our borrowing by a lot.
  - Feeding America: This is a program that provides lunches to children during the summer. We have to be approved. Nicole is going to look into it.
  - ↓ Personnel Committee Report: Janet
    - Jane, Janet, and Merri Jo interviewed 4 applicants the week of Jan 5, 2026 to replace the hours worked by Cheryl Currier. We hired 2 part time pages. Nicky Swanson, a retired school teacher and Claire Comden, a college student will start the week of January 12.
  - ↓ Policy Committee Report: will start meeting again to change wording for personnel and also to make a Carnegie Room policy.
  - ↓ Old Business: none
  - ↓ New Business: none
  - ↓ Public Comment: none
- Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joy seconded it. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Hayes, Secretary