

On Monday, November 17, 2025, President Joanna Casto convened the regular meeting of the Paden City Library Board of Trustees. She was joined by members Margaret Sine, Rick Bertozzi, and Barbara Slider, and library director Danielle Ice-Davis. After the minutes of previous meeting were read, and a small correction made, motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Margaret Sine and seconded by Joanna Casto. Motion passed. Barbara Slider moved to accept the November financial report, and after a second by Margaret Sine, that motion also passed.

Director's report: The move to Ooma for phone service has been a good one, in service and in cost. Preschool Story Hour has ended and a new session will start around the beginning of February. Lego Club continues to flourish, and Christmas decoration exchange, Hot Chocolate Day, and an adult craft are all in the works, time permitting. The director will be participating in the Paden City Christmas event, serving as a judge for the TCHS Poetry Slam, and face-painting on behalf of PCPL at Wetzel Count Chamber of Commerce's Christmas in the 'Ville. Of the \$200 pay she has been offered, she will return \$100 to the Chamber for dues, and turn the remainder in to PCPL. The library will be closed that Saturday.

Because the director has found it difficult to separate Tyler/Wetzel County patrons by records, she was directed to estimate a percentage of Tyler residents, rather than a number, before approaching Tyler Board of Ed and Tyler County Commission with funding requests.

Business: After discussion of moving funds to the WV Treasury Dept for investment, no such action was taken. No clear advantage was seen to withdrawing library funds from our local Union Bank. Joanna Casto reported that Mark Feldmeier has declined to accept the vacant seat on the board. Thus, Rick Bertozzi will approach Sharon Kastigar and Amy Kastigar about one of them stepping in.

There will be no board meeting in December. Dates of closure for the library will be

Dec. 24-27, 2025, Wednesday-Saturday., for Christmas

Dec. 31, 2025-Jan. 1, 2026, Wednesday-Thursday, for New Year's

The first two monthly meetings in 2026 are set for Tuesday, Jan. 20, and Tuesday, Feb. 17, with change in date due to holidays.

In executive session, motion was made to allot both the assistant librarian and the library director \$350 special pay, payable Nov. 30. (The same amount as the previous two years.) Motion was made by Margaret Sine and seconded by Rick Bertozzi. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Barbara Slider, Secretary