

VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY

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Annual Meeting of the
Valley Cottage Library Association
Wednesday, January 21, 2026

MINUTES

Valley Cottage Library Board Members

Present: Frank Dwyer, President
Marge McLoughlin, Vice President
Melissa L. Roy, Secretary
Michael Mark, Treasurer
Mary Fiore, Trustee
Arlette Mooney, Trustee
Jemar Ward, Trustee

Also attending: Christy Blanchette, Director, voting Association Member
Ashley Maraffino, Assistant Director, non-voting

Voting Association Members

Present: Mary Mark

1. Call to order – Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Frank Dwyer, Board President.

2. Public Comments – None

3. Approval of the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Association meeting

Moved by Marge McLoughlin and seconded by Michael Mark the following resolution:

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the January 15, 2025 Valley Cottage Library Association Meeting.

Motion passes 9-0.

4. Comments from the Board President –

Frank welcomed the community. He also thanked the board and staff for making the library successful over the past year.

5. Director's Report – On file for review.

6. 2026 Operating budget – presentation and vote

Christy presented the Operating Budget for 2026. Funds for the budget have been approved by a previous public vote. The presentation laid out the proposed allocation of those funds.

Moved by Marge McLoughlin and seconded by Jemar Ward the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that, upon recommendation of the Director of the Valley Cottage Library, the Valley Cottage Library Association accepts and approves the proposed budget allocation for fiscal year 2026.

Motion passes 9-0.

7. New Business

Election of two (2) trustees to one (1) five-year term each. Term ends 2030 –

Jemar Ward and Michael Mark nominated Mary Fiore and Melissa Roy to each serve as a Board Trustee for a 5-year term. No other nominations were submitted.

Vote to elect Mary Fiore and Melissa Roy as Library Board Trustees.

Yes: 9 No: 0

8. Adjournment

Moved by Arlette Mooney and seconded by Marge McLoughlin

To adjourn the meeting.

Motion passes: 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa L. Roy, Secretary
Valley Cottage Library Board of Trustees