

**PLANO COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT
JANUARY 15, 2026 7:20 P.M.
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE LOWER-LEVEL MEETING ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Cecelia Carey called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Trustees Christine Backus and Natalie Kollmann. Library Director Deanna Howard was also present.

CHRISTMAS TEA

The December 2025 tea was discussed.

- It was another lovely event and overall things went very well.
- Trustee Carey noted she had a hard time being heard over some of the guests, and would like a microphone to use next year.
- Deanna felt there were too many tables in the room. Next year she is planning to sell tickets by table (15 max) rather than individual ticket holders. Some were disappointed that they were in line to get tickets before we opened and were not able to attend. The committee agreed that holding two events was not feasible, and did not want to limit the number of tickets an individual could purchase for their group.
- Entertainment: There was positive and neutral feedback regarding the presenter. It was noted that due to personal preference, some will enjoy a presenter more than others.
- Entertainment for next year: There was a suggestion for a program related to the 60th anniversary of Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Deanna had done some searching and did not find any presenters related to the movie. The committee discussed possible musical entertainment from The Hix Brothers ukulele band or the Misty River Music Makers women's a cappella barbershop chorus. Trustee Carey will contact Misty River.
- Attendees did not care for the Fireside Vanilla Spice tea. This will no longer be served.
- We had plenty of food. It was noted the mini bruschetta bites did not work for the tea.
- Food service with the teen volunteers went very smoothly this year. We discussed making sure the teens make another round if they still have food on their platters.
- The amount of work necessary to make the tea happen was discussed. Deanna noted there is a lot that happens before (moving furniture to set up the serving kitchen and volunteer lounge, deep cleaning refrigerators and kitchens, ironing as needed, etc.) and after the event (moving furniture, 9 loads of dishes, washing and ironing napkins, washing tablecloths, etc.) that is quite time consuming. Committee members offered

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to help with some of these tasks and stay longer after the tea to help with the necessary "take down" work. Trustee Carey offered to do the ironing.

DISCUSS TRANSITIONING THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE TO A CHRISTMAS TEA COMMITTEE

Deanna noted the Fundraising Committee was established in conjunction with the library's 2002 referendum for the building addition and renovation. Deanna felt that fundraising is no longer necessary. She felt that since the Christmas Tea is not really a fundraising event, rather a program that covers some of its expenses, it might be a good time to transition the Fundraising Committee to a Christmas Tea Committee. This would be an ad hoc committee that would help plan and organize the event each year, instead of standing committee. Committee members agreed it was a good time to make this change.

OTHER

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Notes submitted by Deanna Howard

Approved as submitted, 2/19/26