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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes
Regular Meeting

August 25, 2025

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

President Maass called the regular meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Present: DeMont, Fenger, Maass, Mathews, Meidam, Moen, Sobolik

Library Staff: Meyer

2. Adoption of Agenda (Action)

Motion by Fenger/Moen to adopt the agenda as presented. By voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment & Correspondence (Information)

Email from DPI State Librarian Ben Miller regarding flood.

4. Board President's Report (Information)

President Maass reported on the generous donation from John & Nancy Lange.

5. Friends Update (Information)

DeMont shared that Friends members assisted with flood cleanup, and about the Lange donation.

6. Committee Reports (Information)

None.

7. Minutes from the July 2025 Regular Meeting (Action)

Motion by DeMont/Moen to approve, receive, and place on file the July 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. By voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

8. Expenditures & Financial Statement for Operating Budget for July 2025 (Action)

Motion by Sobolik/Meidam to approve expenditures from the Operating Account for July 2025 in the amount of \$44,636.47 and receive and place on file the Financial Statement for July 2025. By voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

9. Expenditures & Financial Statement for Library Trust/Gift Accounts for July 2025 (Action)

Motion by Sobolik/Meidam to approve expenditures from the Trust/Gift Account for July 2025 in the amount of \$587.96 and receive and place on file the Library Trust/Gift Account Financial Statement for July 2025. By voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

10. Library Director's Report (Action)

Meyer shared updates from the Library Director's report. Motion by Sobolik/Moen to place the

Library Director's report on file. By voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

11. Trustee Essentials Handbook #3: Bylaws—Organizing the Board for Effective Action (Information)

Discussion of DPI's Trustee Essentials Handbook Section #3.

12. Report on Library Committee Meeting/Library Study Discussion (Information)

Committee members Maass and DeMont shared a report on the committee meetings.

13. Library Foundation (Discussion)

Discussion on the possibility of a library foundation. Tabled for next meeting.

14. 2026 Budget (Information/Action)

Meyer shared three draft budgets. Motion by Sobolik/DeMont to present all three proposals to City Administration and to accept minor changes as numbers are finalized. By voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

15. Adjourn

Motion by Moen/Mathews at 6:25pm. By voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bethany Meyer".

Bethany Meyer, Ex-Officio Secretary/Library Director

Date Approved: September 22, 2025