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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 26, 2026

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

President Maass called the regular meeting to order at 5:31pm.

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

Library Staff: Meyer

2. Adoption of Agenda (Action)

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

3. Public Comment & Correspondence (Information)

None.

4. Board President's Report (Information)

President Maass shared a report on the January 20th Common Council meeting.

5. Friends Update (Information)

None.

6. Committee Reports (Information)

Meidam shared the form for the upcoming director performance review from the Personnel & Finance Committee.

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

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

8. Operating Expenditures Approval (Action)

Motion by Sobolik/DeMont to approve operating expenditures in the amount of \$104,698.14. By voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Sobolik/Meidam to approve expenditures from the Trust/Gift Account for November 2025 in the amount of \$1,622.83 and receive and place on file the Library Trust/Gift Account Financial Statement for November 2025. By voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Motion by Sobolik/Meidam to approve expenditures from the Trust/Gift Account for December 2025

in the amount of \$2,559.98 and receive and place on file the Library Trust/Gift Account Financial Statement for December 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 #8: Developing the Library Budget & Trustee Essentials Handbook #9: Managing the Library's Money (Discussion)

Discussion of DPI's Trustee Essentials Handbook Sections #8 & #9.

12. Operating Referendum (Information)

Meyer shared that the Common Council voted to officially place the library operating referendum on the April 2026 ballot, and shared approved handouts from Mueller Communications.

13. Reminder of 2025 Annual Report Review & Director's Review at February Meeting (Information)

14. Adjourn

Motion by Moen/Sobolik at 6:16pm. By voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Bethany Meyer, Ex-Officio Secretary/Library Director

Date Approved: February 23, 2026