



Board of Trustees Meeting
October 21st, 2025 - 4:30 p.m.
Minutes

Trustees present in person or via Teams: Katy Grogan, Quentin Mayberry, Holly Garey, Cassandra Dobson, Steven Aurit, Jessica Grandt, Julianne Budrow.

Staff present in person or via Teams: Eric Robinson, Katelyn Zastrow, Rene Bue, Michelle Dennis, Charles Teval.

I. Call to Order & Introductions

K. Grogan called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Katelyn Zastrow, Public Services substitute and library school student was introduced.

II. Consent Agenda Items: No items were pulled.

III. Reports

A. Prairie Lakes Library System Report: C. Teval reported. PLLS launched a Community Outreach Grants program for member libraries.

B. Friends of the Library Report: H. Garey reported, upcoming Scoopy Night. C. Dobson added that Friends trying to get more events on the calendar. E. Robinson said Friends Board is considering a temp position with upcoming extended leave for Ground Floor Manager.

C. Activities Report: K. Grogan thanked the staff who worked on the Night at the Library event:

Committee members:

Mariah Smitala

Elizabeth Hough

Tina Breeze-Wahlers

Jamie Swenson

Jodi Richards

Stefanie Fleck

Sara Griffin

Amy Christian

Others who helped:

Linda Kerr

Mary Westness

Rene Bue

Megan Fisher

Michelle Dennis

Alan Lockett

David Wreford

And anyone else who we may have neglected to name.

R. Bue reported on NATL sponsors and profits; Bookmobile progress; searching for grants for aesthetic remodel of Children's area.



- C. Teval reported on Baker & Taylor shutdown.
- D. Library Director Report: E. Robinson reported. Still pursuing health care benefit for eligible library retirees; statistics are going up; meeting with Demco reps regarding Children's area; strategic plan proposal from consultant Cindy Fesemyer, cost to be covered by HPL Foundation. Q. Mayberry commented on promoting services like digital downloads and meeting/study room availability to non-users.
- IV. New Business
- A. 2026 HPL Budget – Library Director: E. Robinson went over the budget, pointing out 2% COLA and 2% max. merit pay raise. Budget was discussed. S. Aurit moved to approve, J. Budrow seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Approve a patron wedding in October 2026 – Library Director: E. Robinson reported on request to hold small wedding ceremony (15-20 people) at the library after hours. Discussion, question of liability came up. S. Aurit moved to approve, no second. J. Budrow moved to table motion until November meeting, S. Aurit seconded. Motion was discussed. Motion carried.
- K. Grogan announced that Board would do Trustee Training reports in November and December.
- V. Adjournment (Next Regular Meeting – November 18, 2025): Q. Mayberry moved to adjourn, S. Aurit seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted,
Charles Teval

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