

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by Pam Tomka

Committee members present: Deb Dukes, Ashley Mahony, Karen Williams, Pam Tomka

Also present: Stacy Smith, Lexie Walsh

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

REVIEW FY27 WORKING BUDGET DRAFT

- Lexie Walsh explained the FY27 draft working budget in more detail.
- Committee members suggested keeping wages for pages flat in FY27.
- Much discussed was had around Hoopla and its increasing costs, and the increasing cost of ebooks generally. Lexie Walsh offered to speak with WDL's Hoopla representative about potential cost savings from reducing checkout limits from 10 to 7 or 5 per month.
- Ashley Mahony expressed concern about the cost of the summer reading kickoff carnival. The committee and Lexie Walsh were in general agreement that it was too late to make significant changes to the carnival in FY26, but sponsors and other cost-saving measures could be utilized in FY27.
- Per Lexie Walsh's suggestion, the committee agreed to limit spending on the staff holiday party.
- Pam Tomka asked about ILA conference travel expenses, and Lexie Walsh responded that those should be removed as the conference has been moved to Peoria for 2026.
- General consensus was found on the draft budget, but no formal vote of recommendation was taken.

~~**APPROVE FY27 WORKING BUDGET DRAFT FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL BOARD**~~

OTHER DISCUSSION

There was no other discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BOARD COMMENT

There was no board comment.

ADJOURN

Karen Williams made a motion to adjourn at 2:57PM.

Deb Dukes seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.