

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Stacy Smith.

Board members present: Deb Dukes (joined at 7:15 PM), Ashley Mahony, Chris Nichols, Pam Tomka, Karen Williams, Stacy Smith

Board members absent: Lorena Cary and Karen Williams

Also present: Lexie Walsh and Ali Schafer

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**CHECK REGISTER—September**

- Pam Tomka inquired about an Ameren Cilco bill that had been marked as Branch Cleaning. Lexie Walsh said she would correct the error and ensure that the cost had been attributed to the correct budget line.

BUDGET WORKSHEET—September

- Pam Tomka asked about the legal fees budget line at 829% spent. Lexie Walsh explained that it is normally a small budget line, but that she had forgotten to factor in the cost of required legal postings and that there were additional legal fees for the renegotiation of the Branch lease.
- Pam also asked about the uptick in the equipment budget lines for Main and Branch. Lexie responded that the annual cost of RFID equipment had been paid.

TREASURER'S REPORT—August

- Pam Tomka briefly reviewed the report and then suggested that a transfer to the Money Market account be made as all funds for the fiscal year have been received. Lexie Walsh replied that she would look into it.

Chris Nichols made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Ashley Mahony seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ashley Mahony, Chris Nichols, Pam Tomka, Stacy Smith

Nays: None

The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**CIRCULATION STATISTICS—AUGUST****DONATIONS—SEPTEMBER****SUMMER READING 2026 SUMMARY (ALI SCHAFFER)**

Lexie Walsh gave her director's report and reviewed the circulation statistics and donations.

- Lexie reminded the Board to mark their calendars for November 20th at 9AM for Breakfast with the Board.

REVIEW FINANCIAL FUTURE DISCUSSIONS BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Lexie Walsh began the review of the background information document by expressing her desire that every Board Member have a high-level understanding of how the library financials reached where they are currently and why decisions about the future must be made. After the document had been reviewed the Board discussed the information, what could be added, and what could be clarified. Stacy Smith stated that the next step would be to form a committee and informed everyone that she had sent out an email to gauge interest. Lexie suggested waiting until the whole Board was present to form said committee. It was decided that official formation of the financial future committee would take place at the October Board Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no further committee reports.

WACC REPORT

Stacy Smith reported that one of the boiler units for the pool had been replaced, but the second had failed so another replacement had to be ordered.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Stacy Smith told the Board that the trivia night hosted at the Fox Pub had raised \$202 for the library and that it had been fun for all. She also informed them that the Fondulac library would be holding several referendum meetings in the coming weeks. She intended on attending one to hear what kind of information was shared and what kind of questions were asked.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BOARD COMMENT

There was no board comment.

ADJOURN

Chirs Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 PM
Pam Tomka seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Ali Schafer (Recording Secretary)

Karen Williams (Secretary)