

Library Board Meeting

May 19, 2026

7:00 pm

Present: Kelli McQueen, Becci Powers, Director Christine Cunningham, David Steckel, and Casey Phillips

Absent: Joe Rice

Visitors: Cindy Happ representing Friends of the Library, Mary Anderson, and Tim Bender

Call to Order: David called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

President's Report: Christine was nominated by a resident for a special award ~~and won~~. Banned book week is the first week in October and Christine is making displays for the themed-month. Library card sign up awareness is in ~~November~~ **September**. David has been working on the library's website to make it more accessible and will be reaching out to GoDaddy for help with the transition to the required formatting that is mandatory in April 2028.

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy Happ reported that the Friends brought in around \$720 from the flower fundraiser and have a few remaining baskets left to be sold. The booksale during town-wide garage sale brought in over \$200.

Secretary's Report: Kelli moved to approve May's meeting minutes as amended and Becci seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We are 12 months through the budget year and April closed out with account balances totaling \$113,083.07 with a net loss of \$6,155.45.

Budget Report: We have spent almost 82% of the budget for this fiscal year. We have received a total of 86.33% of our estimated working/predictable income for this fiscal year.

Income: April's bulk of the income came from fundraising/gifts and memberships & services.

Total income for the month was \$736.29 with Year to Date Income less expenses ending at \$2,580.10

Bills: Kelli moved to approve Visa Debit charges totaling \$2,347.78 for Amazon orders, Scholastic RIFF, GoDaddy, Consumer Reports magazine renewal, and a new Dell computer.. Becci seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Bills to Note: IL Dept. of Revenue for \$109.77, Puzey & Wright \$955, IL Dept of Employment Security \$49.05, and US Treasury \$1,441.58.

Librarian's Report: See Christine's full report for further details. She has the ^{new} ~~new~~ touch screen computer set up! The library received 2 sponsors to support the summer reading program and will be starting next month on Tuesday afternoons. We are looking for volunteers to man the library info table at the Wednesday Homer Farmer's Market. The treasurer's bond that we pay will be reduced to \$50 out of \$150 by renewing under the Village's resources beginning this year.

Old Business

None

New Business

Accept Marci Heiser's Resignation: Becci moved to accept Marci board resignation, Kelli seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Discuss & Appoint Tentative Trustees: Kelli moved to appoint Mary Kay Anderson and Tim Bender as HCL trustees. Becci seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Welcome Mary & Tim!

Appoint Secretary Audit Committee: Kelli and David will review the secretary binder for 2025-2026

Discuss & Approve Non-Resident Fee FY 2026-27: Kelli moved to slightly increase fee to \$50 yearly for non-residents beginning July 1. Becci seconded and motion passed Unanimously.

IPLAR Reminder: for Christine

Discuss Heritage Demographics Relating to RIFF: We will have a dedicated table to multicultural subjects that stays out for the whole program.

Grant Project Planning: Discussed how to explore where needs are not being met in the community that the library could help with. We plan to talk to Dr. Norton, consider advertising home delivery services (homebound outreach), and discuss the feasibility of a mentor program.

Adjourn: Mary moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, and Tim seconded with motion passing unanimously.

Next scheduled monthly meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Casey Phillips, Secretary

Approved as ammended.