

Library Board Meeting
Sept. 8, 2026
7:00 pm

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

Absent: Joe Rice and Tim Bender

Visitors: none

Call to Order: David called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

President's Report: David is checking on OMA training updates for the trustees. Friday night movie night has been moved to 9/25 and will be showing "9 to 5" in honor of Dolly Parton.

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy was not present tonight to give an update. Kelli brought a card for the board to sign thanking Cindy for her years dedicated to volunteer work and fundraising for the library. Updates will come soon about who will be filling the Friends' open chairs.

Secretary's Report: Becci moved to approve August's meeting minutes submitted by Casey and Mary Kay seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We are 4 months through the budget year and August closed out with account balances totaling \$120,358.77 with a net gain of \$10,740.66. Kelli moved to approve the report submitted by Becci, and Mary Kay seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

Budget Report: We have spent 30% of the budget for this fiscal year. We have received just over 45% of our estimated working/predictable income for this fiscal year.

Income: August's bulk of the income came from an Illinois Per Capita Grant distribution and interest from CD transactions. Total income for the month was \$3,287.20 with Year to Date Income less expenses coming down to \$7,275.70.

Bills: Mary moved to approve Visa Debit charges totaling \$1,129.54 with \$700 going towards office supplies because a round of printer toner was needed. Kelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Kelli motioned to approve \$30 for a 4-year renewal of Christine's Notary Bond and \$550 for the Library World subscription. Becci seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Other Bills to Note: IL Dept. of Revenue for \$119.69.

Librarian's Report: See Christine's full report for further details. Christine is back from her trip to Poland and Germany! The annual fall book sale that coincides with the townwide sales is on October 2 & 3 and she will need some volunteers to help since we are without the hands of an

available Friend for that week. Christine will need her Notary Bond renewal fee approved and she has completed the new additional training class to insure her for another 4 years. The annual library crawl is set in October.

Old Business

Library Card Signup Week in September: September is library card sign up month and Christine proposed hosting an open house mid-Sept on a week night (possibly Thurs. Sept. 17) with computers showing Ancestry, Mango, ABC Mouse, Card catalog, etc. Christine will work on activities and refreshment needs and confirm details.

Display the 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: IL passed a new law requiring that libraries display Lifeline information and we received free materials to give out or set around the library for patrons.

Renewal of Mango subscription: We found that the Mango subscription CAN be covered under the tech grant guidelines, and Mango offered a yearly membership discount at \$1000 instead of full price of \$1,200. Christine reported that their multi-year bundle pricing savings were negligible. We discussed that we have the ability to heavily promote the benefits through free marketing materials from Mango. Becci moved to sign up for one year of the discounted membership and Joe seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

Discuss and approve additional payment for the website: ADA website compliance for the library is due in April 2027. David is researching the guidelines and working with another Homer resident on updating our website to meet this deadline. More details will come as they complete different steps.

Vote to approve the amended budget: Becci moved to approve the budget as amended. Kelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: Kelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm, and Becci seconded with motion passing unanimously.

Next scheduled monthly meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026 @ 7:00pm