

Mount Carroll District Library Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

Call to Order: 6:00 PM by M. Foltz

Attendees: Board of Trustees: Marsha Foltz Tom Sorg, Virginia De Swarte, Gina Wilkinson (via Zoom), Jim Wheeler, and Pat Foltz

Library Director: Izzy Foltz

Guests: Anna Gray, Alan Rosenberg

Voice Roll Call: M. Foltz- present, Sorg- present, De Swarte- present, Wilkinson- present, Wheeler- present, Doty- present, P. Foltz- present

Agenda Approval: Sorg/De Swarte

Public Comment: Alan Rosenberg addressed the board with his concerns. He does not want to see the Friends of the Library spend money on D&O insurance because he feels the money could be spent elsewhere. He also wants input into the use of the humanities grant that was written when he was president of the Friends.

Friends of the Library Report:

The Friends report began with a clarification that part of the insurance bill was regarding liability insurance for the Friends participation in the Mount Carroll Farmers Market and that Alan was invited to participate in the Friends programming meetings. That planning is ongoing. The board was also given an updated calendar of programs and events for the Friends of the Library.

Secretary Report Approval: De Swarte/Wilkinson

Financial Report Approval: P. Foltz/Wheeler

Payment of Bills: De Swarte/Wilkinson

Librarian's Report:

Izzy began their report by informing everyone that nonfiction check-outs have grown and then went over the month's calendar of events. There was a fire alarm at one of the cooking events last month. There was no damage, and the staff was able to inform the fire department that it was a cooking incident and not an actual emergency before there was a full response. The cooking class was well attended. There are also plans to utilize the new projector and screen for a movie night.

Committee Reports:

Building and landscape maintenance: no report

Finance: no additional report

Old Business:

With the Sand Prairie conversion, they were unable to get through a duct. The board approved of the decision to run a drop aerial for the service.

Regarding the invoice from Schindler Elevator for checking the elevator, Marsha was still attempting to contact them to discuss the balance since no parts or repairs were noted.

New Business:

Tom Sorg was appointed as the new vice president of the Mount Carroll District Library board.

Discussed the need to adjust our budget in order to be conservative with our funds until the end of the fiscal year.

Canceled the current cleaning contract due to concerns about the quality of work and also to create some relief in the budget.

A board photo was taken of the present members to include on the library website.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM Doty/Sorg

Respectfully submitted by Pat Foltz