

Mount Carroll District Library Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2026

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

Attendees: Board of Trustees: Marsha Foltz, Tom Sorg, Virginia De Swarte, Gina Wilkinson, Sibyl Doty, and Pat Foltz

Interim Library Director: Heather Meador

Guests: Anna Gray and Stan Kasmeki

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

Agenda Approval: De Swarte/Wilkinson

Public Comment: Stan Kasmeki brought the Mirror Democrat from four years ago and shared his memories about the ground breaking for the new addition.

Friends of the Library Report:

The Friends meeting was the day before the board meeting. They had 31 people attend their Shakespeare program and 28 at the Davis Community Center coffee meeting. The Friends formed a committee to research window shades for the addition. There was a \$700 Mount Carroll Community Foundation grant approved to go towards the window treatments. The Friends will begin running separate bank accounts to make grant reporting processes easier. Upcoming events include six dates at the farmers' market, and a tea party fundraiser at the Carline Mark Home.

Secretary Report Approval: De Swarte/Doty

Financial Report Approval: P. Foltz/Sorg

Payment of Bills: De Swarte/Doty

Librarian's Report:

Stats were shared for the month and the calendar of events was reviewed. There were 1185 library patrons for the month, including some new families from the Shimer apartments. There was also discussion of training board members to cover the desk for times that we are short of available staff.

Committee Reports:

Building and landscape maintenance: Flowers that were planted by the library will require mulch. Mike Miller will mow, but we will need to spray the area behind the building for weeds. Herrell Electric still needs to complete the lighting project.

Finance: no report

Old Business:

Tabled a discussion for a defibrillator policy while the board searches for sample policies.

Employee compensation discussions were delayed while we discuss new hires for positions.

The JCE energy audit was discussed with a focus on the water heater, including replacement options and the overall heat settings.

New Business:

After interviewing candidates, Heather Meador has been put forward as our next library director. A special meeting will be called to approve her hiring.

Officer elections will take place at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6: PM P. Foltz/Doty

Respectfully submitted by Pat Foltz