

Mount Carroll District Library Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2026

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

Attendees: Board of Trustees: Marsha Foltz, Tom Sorg, Virginia De Swarte, Gina Wilkinson (virtual meeting), Jim Wheeler, Sibyl Doty, and Pat Foltz

Library Director: Izzy Foltz

Guests: Anna Gray

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

Agenda Approval: Doty/Sorg

Public Comment: none

Friends of the Library Report:

The Humanities Grant has been spent, and the account has been closed. The final report for the grant programming has been submitted. The last meeting was officer elections, with everyone reprising their roles for the upcoming year. The budget for 2026 activities is currently being created. Research for the shades in the activity room continues. A tentative 2026 program of activities was also shared.

Secretary Report Approval: Wheeler/Doty

Financial Report Approval: P. Foltz/Sorg

Payment of Bills: Wilkinson/P. Foltz

Librarian's Report:

Adult programming for the month included over 100 participants. The Highland lecture and the Friends of the Library activities were well attended. Homework help is now available three days a week. The children's book club will begin a new book this month. Izzy also made the board aware of an upcoming medical absence for herself and also of the need to replace our children's librarian as Macy will be leaving.

Committee Reports:

Building and landscape maintenance:

The board discussed the need for outdoor water access in order to care for plants. Rick Allen will take care of our snow removal needs for this season. Tom will come in to remove bugs from the large light fixtures on the main floor. Herrell Electric still has a little more work to do in order to finish the outdoor lighting project.

Finance: No report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Review closed session minutes from the last six months- there had been no previous closed session meetings during that period.

Review employee compensation policy- this discussion was pushed to the March meeting.

The board needs to contact Mount Carroll Fire Chief, Marty Hockman in order to complete the setting up of the lockbox on the front of the building. This way the fire department could have access in the event of an emergency.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM Doty/P. Foltz

Respectfully submitted by Pat Foltz