

Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Wayne Nueman, President. Trustees Linda Bottorff, John Lovell, Linda Graves and Beth Grove were present. Library Director, Karlie Hunter was also present.

There were no guests present.

Agenda was unanimously approved with a motion by Bottorff and seconded by Grove.

The minutes from the November 7, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Graves and seconded by Bottorff.

The financial statements were unanimously approved with a motion by Bottorff and seconded by Grove. There was discussion about opening a higher yielding savings account, but more information is needed before a decision can be made.

The library has received a donation of 100 new youth books from the Brownstone Book Fund, and Hunter will work on adding them to the collection over the next month or so. Hunter reported that she sent a press release to the Record News to share the new book donation with the community.

Hunter presented the monthly circulation statistics and a statistical comparison between the Ellsworth Public Library and other B-sized libraries in Iowa from FY23. She will share this comparison with the city, as well.

The board reviewed the library's strategic plan. Much of the plan has already been completed, and Hunter will work on the last few items on the list.

The board reviewed the library's drafted budget for FY26. A few changes were made from the last meeting, and the board approved staff raises as follows with a motion by Lovell and seconded by Bottorff:

Director, Karlie Hunter - from \$18 to \$20 per hour due to her completed certification

Clerk, Laura Donaldson - from \$12 to \$13 per hour

Hunter presented the 2025 Summer Reading Program theme: Level Up at Your Library. She shared her plans and ideas for the summer with the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm with a motion by Grove and second by Lovell.