



MINUTES

Library Board

5:00 PM - Monday, May 19, 2025

Library, 1101 6th Avenue

The Library Board of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 5:00 PM, with the following members present:

PRESENT: In Person: Susan Kling, Jack Zumwalt, Okpara Rice, Ross McIntyre, Chelsea Nunn, Melissa Alexander, Kelsey Logan, Nancy Miller, Bob Hoyt, Becky Garms

ABSENT: Sandy Rosenberger, Kim Rose

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Carroll, James Teahen, Kimberly Cowger, Ashley Osborn, Bob Reynolds, Lara Moellers, Becca Draus

FRIENDS REP: Cheryl Kiburz

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President, Ross McIntyre

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve agenda as presented. **(Action Requested)**

Moved by Alexander, seconded by Kling, to approve the Agenda as presented.
Approved unanimously

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

None

PUBLIC FORUM

This time is set aside for comments from the public. Please understand that the Library Board of Trustees will not take any action on your comments at this time due to requirements of the Open Meetings Law but may do so at a future meeting. You will have five minutes to address the Board.

No comments.

LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

Lara Moellers & Becca Draus presented a high-level overview of the Library's upcoming

Summer Library Program, including an explanation of how the program works and a description of a variety of programs planned for the Summer.

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Motion to approve the April 2025 Board Meeting minutes. **(Action Requested)**

Moved by Rice, seconded by Zumwalt, to approve the April 2025 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Approved unanimously

REPORTS

1. Friends of the Marion Public Library Report

- Cheryl Kiburz reported that the Friends will be looking for two new Board members soon.
- On August 23, 2025 the Friends will be helping with the DPIL Graduation Celebration.
- The next Friends Booksale will be held August 8-10, 2025.

2. Marion Public Library Foundation Report

- Hilery Livengood submitted a Foundation Report for Board Members as she was absent from this meeting.

3. Board Continuing Education

- None to report.

4. Art Advisory Committee Report

- No Report

5. Finance Committee

- No Report

6. Personnel Committee Report

- No Report

7. Director's Report

- Budget Update - Revenue is at 132% for the year, Expenses are at 76%.
- General Department Updates - Sally Reck was inducted into the Governor's Volunteer Hall of Fame. Lara Moellers was selected as the Library's new MakerSpace Library Assistant.

8. Policy Committee Report

- Policy Committee did not meet.

Motion to accept Reports 1 - 8 as presented. **(Action requested)**

Moved by Kling, seconded by Alexander, to accept Reports 1 - 8 as presented.

Approved unanimously

REGULAR AGENDA

1. State Library Board of *Trustees Handbook* - Ch. 14-15 (*Discussion*)

- Melissa Alexander liked how Chapter 15 mentions the following about censorship,

"Don't defend the item being challenged, defend a person's right to read it."

- MPL is a Tier 3 Library, this ties directly to the Direct State Aid we receive.

2. Envisionware Contract Renewal Approval (**Action Requested**)

Moved by Rice, seconded by Nunn, to approve the Envisionware Contract Renewal.

Approved unanimously

3. Nomination for FY26 Board Officers (**Action Requested**)

- The following Board Members have expressed interest in FY26 Board Officer positions:
 - President: Ross McIntyre
 - Vice President: Kelsey Logan
 - Secretary: Becky Garms
 - Treasurer: Chelsea Nunn

4. Board Member Sign Ups:

a. Foundation Board Meetings (one Board member needed for each date):

- i. Thursday, May 22 at 8 a.m.
- ii. Thursday, July 24 at 8 a.m.
- iii. Thursday, September 25 at 8 a.m.
- iv. Thursday, November 20 at 8 a.m.

b. Friend's Board Meetings (one Board member needed for each date):

- i. Tuesday, May 27 at 5 p.m.
- ii. Tuesday, July 22 at 5 p.m.
- iii. Tuesday, August 26 at 5 p.m.
- iv. Tuesday September 23 at 5 p.m.
- v. Tuesday, October 28 at 5 p.m.
- vi. Tuesday, November 25 at 5 p.m.

c. Uptown Summer Markets (multiple Board members needed for each date):

- i. Saturday, June 14 from 8 a.m. - noon
- ii. Saturday, July 12 from 8 a.m. - noon
- iii. Saturday, August 9 from 8 a.m. - noon
- iv. Saturday, September 27 from 8 a.m. - noon

Sign-up sheets were passed around for volunteer opportunities for Board Members to take part in meetings as Board liaisons and Community Outreach activities.

ADJOURN

Moved by Alexander, seconded by Rice, to adjourn at 5:48 p.m.

Approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by:

Kimberly Cowger, Administrative Assistant