

**MINUTES OF THE DAVID A. HOWE LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

TRUSTEES PRESENT: President Don Comstock, Treasurer Nancy Reuning, Tim Coligan, Tom Reuning
Nora Burdick, Kris Green, Jodi Pearson, Director Nic Gunning

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Madeline Gasdik, Emily Peavey

CALL TO ORDER: President Comstock called the meeting to order at 7:34 am.

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL
OF FINANCIALS AND MINUTES** Discussion of August 8th Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports
A motion was made by Kris, seconded by Nora, the motion carried 7 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bill Dibble came to speak to the board about a proposed pedestrian bridge near Pearl Street

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Checkouts down slightly, program stats good
Tuesdays on the Terrace very popular
Parade was well attended
10 year anniversary of the podcast
Nic gave a shout out to senior staff for stepping up to cover for Kate's absence
Nic thanked those who worked the book sale
Shake on the Lake very successful
Vandalism to metal kickplate on the stairs - will be replaced
New website was launched using grant funds
Alfred came to see if existing tiles can be used when repairing/replacing roof
Still working on phone integration
August 2nd was Kate Miller's last day - we are thankful for her service
Tara is a new Circulation Clerk
\$5,000 technology grant was received from The Manley Trust

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to move to Executive Session to discuss employment history of a particular person
was made by Kris, seconded by Tim, passed 8-0
Motion to exit Executive Session was made by Kris, seconded by Emily, passed 8-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Finance/Grant Health insurance premiums have gone up to \$20,000 - committee will meet to discuss
Building and Grounds Committee will meet after our October meeting
Administrative
Mural

FRIENDS REPORT: Tickets for Spooky Dinner for 8 (candlelight)
Longest Table Event coming up

OLD BUSINESS: Deleting the whole amendment to the charter was suggested, still debating the language,
Ed Pekarek will do a deep dive and continue to work on it.

NEW BUSINESS: Board discussed re-instating the Assistant Director position - Nic will determine job description
Board approved fee reduction for Starlight, motion made by Tim, seconded by Jodi

DAHL awarded Sustainable Practice Award, Don and Nic will accept award 10/3 in Penn Yann
Library Card Sign Up Month - Legislators recognized the library; STLS hosted PBS special in gallery

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Tim, seconded by Nancy, passed 7-0

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Jodi Pearson