

MASCOUTAH PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 19, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Mascoutah Public Library held its regular meeting at the library on August 19, 2025 at 6:15 p.m.

Trustees present were Nancy Larson, Frank Bandre, Scot Erickson, Wayne Wilhelm, Suzy Friederich, Jordan Rehfeldt, Casey Hoercher, and Merly Friedland; absent was Kay Connolly. Also present was Library Director Joel Pikora.

President Nancy Larson presided and Merly Friedland recorded the minutes.

Additions to Agenda – None

Public Comments – None

The Board expressed condolence to Trustee Scot Erickson and his family, on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Virginia (Ginny) Erickson.

The Board extended best wishes to our Director; Happy Birthday, Joel!

The minutes of the regular board meeting held on March 18, 2025 were approved as amended. (*Motion by Wayne, second by Frank*)

The minutes of the regular board meeting held on May 20, 2025 were approved as amended. (*Motion by Frank, second by Suzy*).

Financial Report: Frank presented the Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2025, the statements of income and expenses for the months of May, June & July, 2025 and the 3-month year-to-date period from May 1, 2025 to July 31, 2025. Thus far, we received \$177,760 in tax monies and \$1,716 in grants. The statements indicated that income and expenses are generally within budget, with the exception of expenses related to payroll and children's room. In summary, we are having a good start covering the first 3 months of the current fiscal year.

The Board unanimously approved the above financial statements and ordered that the same be filed for audit. (*Motion by Wayne, second by Scot*)

Director's Report: Please refer to the Director's written report for the August 2025 Board Meeting relating to operations and activities since the last meeting, the comparative Library Circulation for May/June/July 2024 versus May/June/July 2025, Non-Resident Registrations and Library Programming Report for May/June/July 2025.

A. Joel gave a recap of the summer reading programs and other summer related activities.

Director's Report – continued:

We drew very high attendance, compliments, positive feedbacks. The weather became a factor; extreme heat/rain held us back at times, but enthusiasm was in abundance.

B . ISHRAB Grant Project – We have been awarded the sum of \$1,755 to go toward the library's "Mascoutah Local History & Genealogy Digitalization" project.

C . PNB Grant FY26- Joel recommended not to apply for this grant this year which involves digitalization programs. The preference is not to deal with this project, given other priorities.

D. ILA Advocacy Committee – The Board was very pleased and proud to note that Joel has been chosen as member of this important Committee. His participation and input will be very valuable to this Committee, all state libraries, and the Mascoutah Public Library.

E. ILA Conference – Expense allocation for staff attendance at the Conference has been included in the Budget.

F. Legislative Update – Not directly applicable to the library at this time. The Policy Committee may consider exploring this matter, which includes CPR training.

Old Business: A. Teen Room Remodel – Grant funds are not available for this purpose, as it applies only to new projects.

B . Windows 11 Computer Upgrade – A decision was made either remove or retain remaining Windows 10 Computers

New Business: A. Water in Children's Area Quote – Absolute Clean submitted a quote for \$23,267.50 for work needed to complete the restoration of the Children's Area from water damage.

After discussion, the Board approved by unanimous voice vote, to accept the above stated quote by Absolute Clean. (*Motion by Frank, second by Jordan*)

B . Additional Teen Room Computer Quote – Lazerware Inc. submitted a quote for \$1,334.11. After discussion, the Board approved by unanimous voice vote, to accept the foregoing quote by Lazerware. (*Motion by Suzy, second by Scot*)

C . Hiring an Additional Circulation Clerk – The Board unanimously authorized Joel to hire an additional part-time circulation clerk. (*Motion by Suzy, second by Frank*)

New Business – continued:

D . Review of Illinois Public Library Standards Sections 1-4: Joel led a review and discussion of these Standards and the Board assessed and noted the progress made on the Library's defined goals and purposes.

Discussion None

Adjournment There being no further business, President Nancy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be at the Library on September 16, 2025 At 6:15 p.m.


Merly T. Friedland
Secretary