

KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY (KPL) BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:00pm in the Library

Present: Chair Fran Johnson, Mel Ferris, Laurie Schultz, Ian Stauffer, Heather Gransee, and Director David Greenfield

Absent: none

Amendments to Agenda: none

Visitors: none

Committee Reports: none

Petitions to the Chair: none

Minutes of the KPL Board Meetings: Motion to approve the August minutes by Ian, 2nd by Mel.

Motion carried. Motion to approve the Special Board minutes by Ian, 2nd by Laurie. Motion carried.

Financial Reports/Payables: Motion to approve by Ian, 2nd by Heather. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports: Motion to approve by Heather, 2nd by Ian. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Library Activities –

- Semimonthly Bunco group started meeting again in August.
- A few people came to the Master Gardener presentation on “Putting your Gardens to Bed.”
- Attendance at evening Movie Book Club is dwindling, but there is interest in starting a daytime Movie Book Club.
- Preschool storytime started again. Jen Durkee with ECCE is doing the first storytime of the month again this school year.
- David attended a virtual presentation on data privacy given by the Rochester Public Library.
- The library received a donation of children's books worth \$1,450 from PaperPie, courtesy of Megan Nerud. Thank you for the generous donation for our library!!

Planning Ahead-

- Trivia night on Thursday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m.
- Storyteller and photographer Doug Ohman will be at the library on Monday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. The topic of his program has yet to be determined.
- Tom the Creature Teacher and his amphibians and reptiles. Will be at the library during MEA break - 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 16th.
- The final Master Gardener presentation date is TBD. The topic of this program will likely be about building terrariums.

Building Report-

- Nothing to report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Lemonade stand: a request was made by a patron whose grandkids wanted to setup a lemonade stand outside the library and donate the profit to the library. Due to liability concerns, it was decided this would be best done at their own driveway.
- New Board members: The City of Kasson has posted requests for new KPL board members. Interested applicants should fill out application from the city.

Closed Session: Closed the meeting to discuss the annual evaluation of staff member Gretchen Dowdy. Motion to approve appraisal and step increase for Gretchen made by Mel, 2nd by Laurie. Motion carried.

General Discussion:

- This is Fran Johnson's last Board meeting. The KPL Board sends our sincere appreciation to Fran for being an incredible leader and the library's biggest proponent. Fran will be greatly missed on our Board.
- The next 2 KPL Board meetings have date changes. The October meeting will be on October 7, 6:30pm. The November meeting will be on 11/10 at 6pm.

Adjourn: 6:52pm

Respectfully submitted by: Heather Gransee, secretary