

KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY (KPL) BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:00pm in the Library

Present: Acting Chair Ian Stauffer, Mel Ferris, Heather Gransee, and Director David Greenfield

Absent: Laurie Schultz

Amendments to Agenda: none

Visitors: Mary Ayshford, regarding new KPL Logo. Board picked a letterhead and envelope design with new KPL logo. Motion to approve ordering 250 letterhead and envelopes from Allegra Rochester made by Ian, 2nd by Heather. Motion carried. Mary will place the order for us.

Committee Reports: none

Petitions to the Chair: none

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

Financial Reports/Payables: David's computer is still not back from being repaired by SELCO. Review of Payables and Receivables will wait until next meeting.

Monthly Reports: Statistics shown, but receivables will wait until next meeting.

Director's Report:

Library Activities –

- 41 people came to see Tom the Creature Teacher and his amphibians and reptiles.
- A couple of people came to final Master Gardener presentation on how to build a terrarium. Planning has started for the series again next year, but spacing them closer together so that they're wrapped up by late August/early September.
- David met with Krista Ross regarding implementation rubrics for our strategic plan.
- The library's table at K-M Community's Trick-or-Treat event was a success! Hundreds of kids and their families attended, so this was great outreach for the library.
- 6 people attended a matinee showing of *Scooby-Doo and the Witch's Ghost*.
- The library sponsored lunch for the November Chamber of Commerce meeting. David made chicken and sausage jambalaya with salad and dinner rolls. It was fairly well received.
- We hosted life-size Clue last Saturday. There was enough time to play twice; in the first game Louise Penny did it at the circulation desk with rubber bands, in the second game William Kent Krueger did it in the gallery also with rubber bands. 6 mystery enthusiasts had fun solving these cases.
- The Friends of the Library made \$2,027.78 at their October book sale.
- We received a \$500 mini-grant from SELCO to help purchase a new 3D printer. David is looking at printer options.
- The library also received donations of \$250 from Ivan Kroulik, \$200 from the Card Club in memory of Phyllis Purvis, and \$25 from Jacqueline Trytten in memory of Gloria Brown.

Planning Ahead-

- Christmas in Kasson/Hometown Holidays is right around the corner. The library will have storytime with Mrs. Claus at 10:30 on Saturday, December 6, followed by cookies and hot

cocoa. Phoebe Decook will bring typewriters to write letters to Santa. New this year is the Santa Glow Parade Friday evening. The library is planning on having a unit in the parade.

- David is looking into setting up an author talk in early February to kick off our Blind Date With a Book event.
- The directors from Dodge Center, Pine Island, West Concord, the branch manager from Blooming Prairie, and David met to talk about county funding and increased collaboration. We are in the early stages of planning a multi-author event for next spring.

Building Report- nothing to report

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Instant Digital Cards: SELCO will stop issuing these on 12/31/25, users can continue to use until 6/30/26. SELCO wants people to instead get physical cards that are linked to a library. Does not affect too many people.
- New Adult collection: We are the only library in SELCO with a New Adult section, and it is complicated and time-consuming to identify which books should be in that collection. Currently we have ~50 books in this section. Motion to get rid of the New Adult section and move the books to either Young Adult or Adult as appropriate made by Ian, 2nd by Mel. Motion carried.
- Chairs for staff: Desk chairs are old and having problems. David will look into buying 7-8 chairs to replace existing.

General Discussion: The next KPL Board meeting will be moved to Monday, December 8 at 6pm.

Adjourn: 7:13pm

Respectfully submitted by: Heather Gransee, secretary