

KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY (KPL) BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:00pm in the Library

Present: John Talcott, Mel Ferris, Sam Monson, Heather Gransee, Kelly Schmidt, and Director David Greenfield

Absent: none

Amendments to Agenda: none

Visitors: Gene Stoneman (Friends of the Library)

Administer Oath of Office to New Board Member: Sam Monson. Welcome to the KPL board!

Election of Officers: Motion to appoint John Talcott as Chair by Heather, 2nd by Mel. Motion to re-appoint Heather Gransee as Secretary by John, 2nd by Mel. Motions carried.

Committee Reports:

Friends of the Library (FOL): Gene Stoneman reports that 2025 was a very financially successful year for the FOL. 80% of their budget goes back to the library, 20% goes to maintaining and growing the FOL.

SELCO Board of Directors' Meeting: David attended the SELCO meeting in January. SELCO is installing a new sorting machine that will require barcodes to be placed in a standardized place on library items. Most of KPL collection is in compliance, will just need to move the barcodes on the DVDs.

Petitions to the Chair: none

Approval of Minutes of the KPL Board Meeting: Motion to approve the January minutes by Mel, 2nd by Sam. Motion carried.

Financial Reports/Payables: Motion to approve the January financial reports/payables by Heather, 2nd by Kelly. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports: Based on reports, David calculates that 18% of checkouts are digital now. Motion to approve monthly reports by Heather, 2nd by Mel. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Library Activities –

- 12 children and 4 adults participated in scavenger hunt.
- The Daytime Movie Book Club held its first meeting in January. There is enough interest that they will continue meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. February's selection is *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.
- Two people came out on a cold evening for trivia.
- At kickoff event for Blind Date with a Book, participants had fun creating romance-themed Mad Libs before selecting their books.
- The Friends of the Library held their annual meeting on February 7.
- Now through Valentine's Day the Makerspace is stocked with craft supplies to make your own Valentine.

- The library added some children's kits that contain a book and a puppet (or other plush). We had several storage totes of puppets lying around and this is a good way for them to get some use.
- David is working on the annual report and will have it ready for the Board to review before approving it at the March meeting. It is due April 1.

Planning Ahead-

- The wrap-up event for Blind Date with a Book will be held on Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- Author Loretta Ellsworth will give a talk at the library on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. She is the author of several books, including *Stars over Clear Lake*, *The French Winemaker's Daughter*, and her latest, *The Jilted Countess*.
- We are planning on bringing back the life-size Clue game sometime in April. We are making some tweaks to it so that it can stay up after the staff-led event for people to play on their own.
- We are slowly working on plans for the Summer Reading Program.

Building Report- Nothing to report. David has not received a quote from Custom Alarm regarding upgrading the current panel which is a legacy system.

Old Business:

- Shares of the old school: David is completing paperwork that will give our shares back to KARE. He will work on finding the share certificates.
- Solar panel update: David found out that 40 solar panels are proposed to be installed next to the library. Board members have concerns about the placement of these panels and the size footprint. Mel will report back next month after learning more details from City Council.

New Business:

- Review strategic plan: David presented the KPL strategic plan, which includes focus areas of accessibility, programming, and space.

General Discussion: David will compile binders for our new board members, as well as update the contact list.

Adjourn: 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted by: Heather Gransee, secretary