

KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY (KPL) BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00pm in the Library

Present: Acting Chair Ian Stauffer, Heather Gransee, Kelly Schmidt, John Talcott, and Director David Greenfield

Absent: Mel Ferris

Amendments to Agenda: none

Visitors: Sam Monson

Administer Oath of Office to New Board Members: Kelly Schmidt and John Talcott. Welcome to the KPL board! Sam Monson's appointment by city council will happen by February meeting and she will be administered oath then. Note that John Talcott will recuse himself on all votes tonight because he is the secretary of the Friends of the Library until February 2026.

Election of Officers: Table this discussion until next meeting. Thank you to Ian Stauffer for serving on our board!

Committee Reports:

SELCO Board of Directors' Meeting: David reports that he is the 2026 Library Director Liaison to SELCO Board of Directors. The first meeting he will attend is in February.

Petitions to the Chair: none

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

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

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

Director's Report:

Library Activities –

- Tonya and David met with Brian Cretzmeyer from Mackin as a possible vendor for children's materials. Their order fulfillment is longer and they're slightly more expensive than Ingram, so we won't use them for now.
- From now until the end of January, anyone can participate in a library scavenger hunt! There are two difficulties: one for adults and one for children. Complete the scavenger hunt to earn a prize!
- The library received donations of \$50 from Lois Law, \$50 from Sue Bierly, and \$540.11 from the dulcimer players.

Planning Ahead-

- Daytime Movie Book Club is starting Wednesday, January 21st at 1:00 pm. This is an informational meeting where members will decide which books/movies they want to discuss. As with the other Movie Book Club, movies rated PG-13 might be shown, so children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

- We will host another trivia night Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 pm. Nancy and David are looking at switching up the format a bit this time around.
- Blind Date With a Book is coming in February. A kickoff event is still up in the air. In any case, books will be available sometime the first week of February with the wrap-up event happening Thursday, February 26th.
- February 9-14 craft supplies will be available in the Makerspace for people to make their own Valentines.

Building Report- Custom Alarm emailed David last month that the Library's current alarm system panel is no longer being manufactured and is considered a legacy system. The manufacturer is offering a special discount through March 2026 to upgrade these panels. David does not have a quote yet.

Old Business:

- 2026 Budget: City Council approved 2026 budget.

New Business:

- Capital Improvement Plan: Discussed last year's plan and some ideas for what to submit for this year's plan, which includes both short and long term projects. David will work on this and submit to City Council.

General Discussion: David announced that the City of Kasson applied for a grant and will get solar panels on all city buildings. It has already been determined that the solar panels will not be installed on the library roof. Ideas for where to put panels near the building were discussed.

Adjourn: 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted by: Heather Gransee, secretary