

KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY (KPL) BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00pm in the Library

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

Absent: Mel Ferris

Amendments to Agenda: Motion to amend agenda to the alternate order (Petitions to the Chair combined with Visitors to the Board, and Approval of Minutes occurring before Committee Reports) made by John, 2nd by Sam. Motion carried.

Visitors/Petitions to the Chair: none

Approval of Minutes of the KPL Board Meeting: Motion to approve the March minutes by Kelly, 2nd by Heather. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: none

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

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

Director's Report:

Library Activities –

- A junior at Kasson-Mantorville High School job shadowed library staff for a day.
- Tonya and David met with book rep Amy Simso Dean to preview new children's titles.
- David attended an Introduction to Digital Accessibility webinar. There have been some changes to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which requires our digital content to be handicapped accessible. In practice this means choosing contrasting colors to help the visually impaired and adding "alt text" to images so that screen readers can describe the contents of those images, among other things. Our target date for compliance is April 2027.
- Around 12 people came for author Loretta Ellsworth's talk about her latest book, *The Jilted Countess*.
- KPL hosted a LEGO Maker event on the Wednesday of spring break. 43 people came across two sessions to participate!
- Library staff had the opportunity to attend the Public Library Association's Virtual Conference April 1-3.
- 14 people attended the Master Gardeners' presentation on Community Garden Plots.
- No one came to the life-size Clue game on April 11, but board is still up in the library for people to play on their own.

Planning Ahead-

- The Master Gardeners are doing another series of presentations this year (all at 6:30 p.m.):
 - May 5: Creating a Magical Fairy Garden
 - July 7: Nature Healing

- The Summer Reading Program kickoff party will be Monday, June 8 from 4-6 p.m. Prairie Meadows will provide hot dogs again this year. The Jolly Pops will perform starting around 5:15. It should be a fun evening!

Building Report-

- Kathy, the city custodian, has been cleared to return to work in one to two weeks. Since it had been over 3 months since the library was cleaned, Simply Tidy came on Saturday, April 11 to do a deep clean of the bathrooms, scrub the runners in the lobby, mop the floors, and vacuum the carpet.

Old Business:

- Proposed by-law change in order of business: Motion to approve the by-law change for the new order of business made by Sam, 2nd by Kelly. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Approve the new SELS Membership Agreement: David presented the new Membership Agreement. KPL is already meeting all requirements to be a “member library”. No fee. Motion to approve the new agreement made by John, 2nd by Kelly. Motion carried.
- Fine amnesty: Motion to make May a month of fine amnesty made by Heather, 2nd by Kelly. Motion carried. Discussion of abolishing fines permanently. KPL is one of a few in SELCO still with fines. With implementation of auto-renew, library fines have dramatically decreased as well. We will vote next month. Motion to proceed with policy change made by Heather, 2nd by Sam. Motion carried.
- Outdoor movie partnership with Kasson Chamber of Commerce: Chamber asked if KPL would co-sponsor an outdoor movie showing of Sandlot on June 5 on the library green space. Motion to co-sponsor the event with the Chamber made by Heather, 2nd by John. Motion carried. The Chamber is encouraged to develop a proposal for any future movie events with the library and present to Board.

General Discussion: David’s annual review is due. John will distribute review forms and we will discuss at next meeting.

Adjourn: 6:58pm

Respectfully submitted by: Heather Gransee, secretary