

The Solon Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes May 18, 2025

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Solon Public Library Board was called to order by Bill Christensen at 6:29 p.m.

Present

Bill Christensen, Janet Salathiel, Char Cosgrove, Matthew Hanes, Steve Fisher, Cole Gabriel (City Liaison), Liz King (Library Director)

Absent

Jen Fetzner, Sandy Lawrence

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved. (Char/Janet)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 28, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected (Bill Christensen not listed as present). (Char/Janet)

Citizen's Speak and Correspondence

Citizen speak: No report. However, one of our youngest patrons entered to give us an up-to-date weather report. There was a "torm com'in"

Committee Reports

- **Building:** Solon Heating and Air has yet to receive a part that was ordered to fix the building's humidifier.
- **Finance:** No report.
- **Johnson County Liaison:** No report
- **City of Solon Liaison:** No report
- **Board of Trustees Continuing Education:** Char reported on a PBS documentary on **Independent Lens:** Free for All: The Public Library. *Meet the pioneering women who helped the U.S. public library system shape a nation.*

Library Director's Report

Liz was pleased to highlight that the summer clerks, from last year, are coming back for this season. Liz also handed out this year's Summer Reading brochures and next month's calendar.

Approval of Bills

The bills for May 2025 were unanimously approved. (Steve/Matthew)

Review of Foundation Report

No report was available, the May Foundation meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2025.

The Solon Public Library Board

Old Business

- **ALA LTC Small & Rural Accessible Libraries Grant:** On Wednesday a Community Conversation was held to see if there were any suggestions for the use of the grant. Those attending approved the project proposed for making the restrooms easier to access. Liz also reported that the Library will be allotted \$7,500 by the Beef Days Committee. This will make it possible to improve both restroom doors.

New Business:

- **FY26 Staff Salaries:** The FY26 Staff Salaries as presented were unanimously approved. (Janet/Steve)
- **Strategic Plan - May Update:** Liz provided updates to the Strategic Plan progress tracking which included references to our recent accessibility grants that ensure everyone can “visit a comfortable place”. When Madison left our team, Megan assumed responsibility for our hallway Community Bulletin Board. The most recent display includes information about our City Parks.
- **Board of Trustees Continuing Education:** Items were listed for Board Consideration.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. (Matthew/Steve)

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting: Monday, June 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Char Cosgrove