

The Solon Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes February 24, 2025

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Solon Public Library Board was called to order by Sandy Lawrence at 6:30 p.m.

Present

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

Absent

None

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as corrected. There would be no Policy Review discussed at this meeting. (Matt/Char)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 27, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved. (Steve/Janet)

Citizen's Speak and Correspondence

Citizen speak: None

Committee Reports

- **Building:** (Library Security) This will be discussed under Old Business.
- **Finance:** Nothing new to report. The next CD to mature will be in March, 2026.
- **Johnson County Liaison:** No report
- **City of Solon Liaison:** Cole reported that the city is wrapping up the budget season. They are currently working on interviewing people for the position formerly held by Scott Kleppe.
- **Board of Trustees Continuing Education:** Char reported on watching the Keynote Speaker at the recent ILOC Conference.

Library Director's Report:

A written report is included in the Board Packet. Liz wished to highlight the Corridor Libraries Staff Training Day. The keynote speaker, Shola Richards, inspired attendees with a message on building resilience and kindness. A total of 14 local Libraries attended with breakout sessions that encouraged networking and collaboration. Liz and staff found it a valuable event and hoped it would become an annual event.

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Approval of Bills

The bills for February 2025 were unanimously approved. (Janet/Jen)

Review of Foundation Report

Due to the Foundation not meeting until February 26th there was no report.

Old Business

- **Security Cameras/Patron Privacy:** Discussion was had by the board over the necessity of camera surveillance at the Library. After reviewing the cost of such a system it was decided that a less costly solution was more reasonable. It was decided to continue to monitor future situations but would table the idea of cameras. It was decided to pursue a better security measure on the meeting room closet and possibly the lower level entrance.
- **FY26 Budget:** It was reported that the FY26 Budget is moving through the process. The budget proposed by the Library is moving forward.

New Business:

- **Policy Review:** none
- **Volunteers Needed for Fun For All Night:** Cole said if he is able to, he will help.
- **Advocacy for Public Libraries in Iowa:** Liz will send the board an email with a link as to how to get advocacy information.
- **Solon Public Library Building 25th Anniversary in 2026:** Liz wanted us to put this important anniversary on our radar. She wanted us to keep in mind how we could celebrate this milestone.
- **Board of Trustees Continuing Education:** Items were listed for board consideration.

Next Months Agenda:

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. (Jen/Steve)

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting: Monday, March 31, 2025, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Char Cosgrove