

Fayette County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting – May 13, 2025 Minutes

The Fayette County Public Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room with Kim Giesting, President of the Board, presiding. Others present were Board members Dale Strong, Lynette Eklund, Colin Judd, Vane Lashua, Judith Echano Medina, and Jennifer Cooley. Also present were Betsy Slavens, Director; Melissa Scott, Assistant Director; and Christy Collier, Administrative Assistant.

1. Public Participation: Sadie Burkhead, Fayette County Public Library and Friends of the Fayette County Public Library Scholarship winner, was present and updated the board with her plans for the future.
2. Motion by Dale, seconded by Jennifer, to approve the April 8, 2025, board minutes. Unanimously approved.
3. Written Director's report was included in the Board packet.
 - a. New clerk has been working in the children's department.
 - b. Ginny has created a new report for the adult report.
 - c. A 3rd party contractor for Duke did an energy audit. We have updated settings to see if it will help save energy.
4. Assistant Director's report was included in the Board packet.
 - a. Jim is obtaining quotes for concrete for sidewalks.
 - b. Met with Terry Miller to discuss updating the meeting room technology. He suggested that we meet with Ron Best, CEI.
 - c. Book the Bookmobile is set to begin in June.
5. Outreach
 - a. Visits to Frazee started and are going well.
6. Financial Report was included in the Board packet.
 - a. The April Certificate of Deposit was renewed for 13 months at a rate of 4.184%. We will have two in July and two in November to renew.
7. Motion by Judith, seconded by Lynette, to accept the Director's report, Assistant Director's report, Outreach report, Financial report, and pay the bills. Unanimously approved.
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Staff: No meeting. Committee needs to meet to discuss evaluations.
 - b. Building and Grounds: No meeting. Parking lot will be sealed and repainted in June.
 - c. Policy: No meeting.
 - d. Long Range Planning: No meeting.
 - e. Scholarship: Scholarship committee tasks are completed for 2025. Will meet in the future to discuss 2026 scholarship.
9. Old Business:
 - a. None.
10. New Business:
 - a. Legislative Updates
 - i. Legislative updates were included in the Board Packet.
 1. DLGF (Department of Local Government and Finance) are working SEA1 to determine outcomes.

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- 2. Predictions are for significant property tax and income reduction.
- ii. SEA 351 allows the library to appoint someone who resides in the library district to the parks board. It is no longer restricted to being a library board member.
- iii. HEA 1001
 - 1. State Library will receive a 30% reduction from the state as well as federal monies. The state removed funding for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. INSPIRE lost \$1.3 million dollars in funding and funding for the Local Library Connectivity Grant was affected.
- iv. Other budget concerns include LSTA grant monies, and the rural broadband project that was stopped at the federal level.
- b. Discussion of Board info on the new website
 - i. Discussion of what contact information the board will have on the website. We will create a general library board email and the president will be given access to it.

Motion by Judith, seconded by Jennifer, to adjourn at 5:36 pm. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Scott