

MINUTES OF THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 24 2025

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on February 24, 2025, by President Steve Bascom. The members present were Steve Bascom, Lacey Hall, Marcia Priestley, and Library Staff Jerri Hawkins and Karen Kelly.

Priestley moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 25, 2025; Hall seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Hall motioned to approve the financial report as presented, and Priestley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS:

Director Jerri Hawkins provided a report on recent statistics to the board. Friends of the GC Library's next meeting will be Monday, March 3 at 6:15 p.m. **Bridge and Cribbage** groups have had 64 in attendance so far this month. **The Book Club** met on Tuesday, February 11 with 5 attendees. The **Card Making Club** and **Cookbook Club** both met on Thursday, February 20 with 10 and five people attending respectively. **Friday StoryHour** had 50 attendees in January and 26 attendees so far in February. STEM after-school event on February 13 had 3 attendees. Upcoming events include an evening book club on February 25; 17 people attended the evening book club in January. For **SILO FY25 Fiscal YTD**, Borrowed 113 and Loaned 170. **Libby/Bridges** checkouts Fiscal YTD are 3399 (audio-1,719; e-books-1,133; Magazines-547) Advantage titles (73 audiobooks and 13 e-books). The library **circulation** is 6,917 YTD (excluding autorenewal). We have added 4 new patrons and had 1 renewal for 1,514 patrons.

Friends of the Library held their 3rd annual Trivia Night on Sat. Feb. 8th at 6:00 pm at the activity center and are planning another annual Golf Tournament scheduled for June 14, 2025.

Jerri and Karen will be attending STEM Fair 2025 on March 10, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in Avoca and Jerri and Cass the Summer Reading Summit, 2025 on March 11, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in Avoca.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unfinished business was the budget for the fiscal year 2026. Bascom motioned, "Due to recommendations from the city, we will amend the budget to show a 75-cent increase for all library staff starting July 1, 2025." Hall seconded, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING – Upcoming programs

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next board meeting will be on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Jerri Hawkins and Karen Kelly, Recording Secretaries