

MINUTES OF THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 26, 2026

****Board Meeting Minutes****

****Members Present:****

-Steven Bascom

- Becky Carico

- Brandon Monaghan

- Dale Menning

- Karen Kelly, Library Aide

- Lacy Hall

- Library Director Jerri Hawkins

****Call to Order:****

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by President Steven Bascom at 5:56.

****Approval of Minutes:****

Menning moved to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Monaghan and carried unanimously.

****Financial Report:****

Bascom motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Carico seconded the motion, which passed without opposition.

****Director/Staff Reports:****

Director Jerri Hawkins provided an update on library statistics and events:

The Friends of the GC Library's next meeting is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2026. May programs included 60 attendees for the Bridge and Cribbage groups, 7 participants in the afternoon book club, and 7 in the evening book club. Thirteen patrons participated in Canasta. The Card Making Club had 11 attendees, while Craft & Connect had 11 for the month; the Cookbook Club had six participants. The Friday Story Hour attracted 65 attendees in April. Attendance for Youth STEM programs totaled 8 for LEGO Mania and 17 for Creation Corner. On Friday, May 15, Karen read stories to two classes (34 students) at the Guthrie Center Elementary Preschool at 9:30 a.m.

For the fiscal year to date, in SILO 356 items were borrowed, and 280 were loaned. Libby/Bridges reported 5,404 total checkouts, including audiobooks, e-books, and magazines. FY26 YTD circulation is 12,369 with renewal and auto-renewal. We have added 10 new patrons and had 12 renewals to bring the total number of patrons to 1,524.

Director Notes:

Hawkins shared attendance numbers from SRP events. She reported that the landscaping project was completed by Lakeside Landscaping, owned by Nate and Nick Jensen. The Jensens donated their labor and time for the project, funded by the Friends of the Guthrie Center Library. Additionally, the City of Guthrie Center Maintenance crew trimmed the evergreen tree and removed the branches and trimmings. Elizabeth Baughman is repainting the book sculpture.

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****Unfinished Business:****

- * Board members completed training on Chapter 5 of the Trustee Handbook.
- * Hawkins updated the board on the plans of the Friends of the Guthrie Center Library's fundraising and volunteer plans during RAGBRAI.

****New Business:****

None

****Agenda Items for Next Meeting:****

- Lawn care
- Election of Officers
- Director Evaluation
- Holidays and Hours for FY27

****Adjournment:****

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for July 27 at 6:00 p.m.

****Recording Secretaries:****

Jerri Hawkins and Karen Kelly