

# MINUTES OF THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 26, 2026

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### **\*\*Board Meeting Minutes\*\***

#### **\*\*Members Present:\*\***

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| - Steve Bascom | -Dale Menning                    | - Brandon Monaghan          |
| - Lacy Hall    | - Library Director Jerri Hawkins | - Karen Kelly, Library Aide |

#### **\*\*Call to Order:\*\***

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by President Bascom at 6:00 p.m.

#### **\*\*Approval of Minutes:\*\***

Menning moved to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Monaghan and carried unanimously.

#### **\*\*Financial Report:\*\***

Hall motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Menning 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 February 2, 2026.

December programs included 70 attendees for the Bridge and Cribbage groups, five participants in the afternoon book club, and 7 in the evening book club. The Card Making Club had nine attendees; the Cookbook Club had 9 participants. The Friday Story Hour attracted 29 attendees in the month of December. Attendance for Youth STEM programs included 4 for LEGO Mania and 8 for Creation Corner. On Friday, December 19, Jerri read stories to two classes at the Guthrie Center Elementary Preschool at 9:30 a.m.

For the fiscal year to date, in SILO 202, items were borrowed, and 146 were loaned. Libby/Bridges reported 2,954 total checkouts, including audiobooks, e-books, and magazines. FY26 YTD circulation is 7,096 with renewal and auto-renewal. We have added 4 new patrons and had 52 renewals to bring the total number of patrons to 1,485. Hawkins noted that the change in the number of patrons is because she performed the state-required purge of inactive cards as required for the accreditation. The library cards expired in May 2022, and those that haven't been used for five years were removed.

#### **Director Notes:**

Hawkins notified the board that she had submitted the GCCF Grant application on Jan. 7, 2026, requesting a grant for library furniture.

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Hawkins requested a change in Karen Kelly's hours to increase from 20 hours per week to 25 hours per week. Menning made a motion to change Kelly's hours from 20 to 25 hours weekly; Hall seconded. The motion was approved.

SRP programs using grants have been booked

- Monday, June 8, at 1:00 p.m. Science Heroes
- Thursday, June 11, at 1:00 p.m. Anne Riordan, DNR
- Thursday, June 18, at 1:00 p.m., Mesozoic Adventures, Toby Kid Funny Farm
- Friday, June 26 at 11:00 a.m. SRP Foam Cannon and Prize Party

### **\*\*Unfinished Business:\*\***

- Hawkins reminded each board member that she had emailed them a copy of the ADA checklist & needs assessment.
- Dr. Bascom will follow up on an update regarding approval of the FY27 budget

### **\*\*New Business:\*\***

The library board completed a job evaluation for director Jerri Hawkins for 2025.

Board members Hall and Monaghan updated their hours of required board training.

### **\*\*Agenda Items for Next Meeting:\*\***

- Budget
- The board members were given a copy of the strategic plan to consider updates for the upcoming year.

### **\*\*Adjournment:\*\***

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 23, at 6:00 p.m.

### **\*\*Recording Secretaries:\*\***

Jerri Hawkins and Karen Kelly