

**Eager Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Meeting Minutes: October 28, 2025**

1. Call to Order

Eloise Eager called the meeting to order at 5:02PM.

2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Eloise Eager, Brian Smith, Jonathan Hollingsworth, Ben Ladick, Idalia Winger, Gwen Clendenning

Absent: Laurie Crandall

Also Present: Library Director Bronna Lehmann

3. Approval of Agenda

Winger motioned to approve as presented. Ladick seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. Civility Reminder

Reminder from Eager to be civil during meetings.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Motion to Waive the reading of the minutes of the September 23, 2025 meeting and approve them as printed.

Ladick moved to waive the reading and approve the meeting minutes as printed. Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Friends of the Library Annual Report

- Meg Wiltse reported of a busy and good year. The Friends hosted a 30th anniversary party, have a healthy bank balance of almost \$15,000, and are working with some changes in the small group that is the Friends. She updated about past and coming fundraising events, and spoke of the community, as well as help given to various community events, alongside the library.

Lehmann also appreciated the Friends, noting that they have given over \$4000 to the library this year, supporting the bulk of the programming costs!

8. Library Director's Report

Lehmann presented her report with updates on events, upcoming conference, and recent banquet with an excellent presentation about public interacting with the library space. Our new website will go live on Monday.

9. Financial

Audit and approval of September check register

Hollingsworth motioned to approve the September check register. Ladick seconded. Roll call: unanimously approved.

Review of 2025 budget status: Doing well. Currently expenses have been below 75% of the annual budget through 9 months.

Library Treasurer's Report:

Clendenning reported \$162,852.13 in the two accounts. Donation of \$200.

9. Old business

- A. Update and possible action regarding Destree recommended immediate maintenance and repair items
 - a. West door replacement – installed. Some minor related repairs will be done in the future.
 - b. Conference room / multi-purpose room wall damage – still on hold
 - c. South side sidewalk / drainage work – almost complete
- B. Update and possible action regarding hail damage repair projects
 - a. Clay tile roof replacement with north and west entrance roof replacements – possible clay tile will not be delivered until May. Roof wrap still performing well, and our contractor will check it again in a few months.
 - b. Flat roof replacement – start prep work end of this week
 - c. NAMI RTU insulation repair – coordinating with roofer on timing
 - d. Fence post cap replacements - installed
 - e. Ornamental Frieze repair – small nicks in the frieze repaired at no cost
- C. Discussion regarding draft 2026 budget
Prepared and ready to go, and we appreciate how the city worked with us on this

10. New business:

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve transfer of funds to City to reimburse payment for Destree maintenance and repair project items
Lehmann reported that there is no formal request for reimbursement from the city, but it will be coming—around \$16,000.
- B. Discussion and possible action to reschedule 2025 meeting dates
No adjustments needed.
- C. Discussion about Prairie Lakes Library System (PLLS) Community Outreach Grant
Each member library can apply for up to \$36,000 in the next three years, for one project or multiple projects for our library or partnering with other libraries. Designed to extend or expand our ability to serve our residents.

11. Adjourn:

Ladick motioned to adjourn. Winger seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.

Next Meeting: November 25, 2025, 5:00pm

Minutes by: Jonathan Hollingsworth

Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the Board at a meeting called and noticed for that purpose.