

Weller Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: May 12, 2026

Regular Monthly Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chairman Fred, seconded by Tracy.
Motion Carried

Attendees

Trustees Present: Fred Hamann , President/Chair; Tracy Barron, Vice President;
Temah Alleman

Trustees Absent: Shae Evans, Secretary (Fred will reach out to her to verify if she is able to stay on the board.)

Staff Present: Sarah Roberts, Library Director

City Council Representative : Jennifer Bishop, Library Liaison

Future Trustee: Sarah Paul

Approval of Previous Minutes

- There were no available minutes to approve.
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1. Intern Interviews

- One applicant was Matti that interned last year. She was a wonderful intern last year; however, the board doesn't think that this is a good next step for her. She needs a new challenge. Sarah will call and discuss it with her.
- The remaining four applicants all appear to be good candidates. Sarah will conduct the interviews. Various board members will join her.

2. Burke Boxes

- School year Burke Boxes are complete
- In July we will have one more: America's 250 - Lewis and Clark Box
 - i. Sarah pitched the idea of having an adult Burke Box evening. Everyone liked it.

3. April Wrap-up

- Staff is continuing to reorganize the books
- Rearranged the front counter for better traffic flow

4. Grants

- Several grants approved (See Library Report)

- Reviewed purchasing requests for summer reading. Only \$425 will come from the city budget. The majority of funds have been procured through grants (\$7000+). (See Financial Report and Spending Requests)
- 5. Sarah attended the Washington Library Association Conference
 - Many of the breakout sessions were helpful to her including, but not limited to, Book Repair, Gaming (focus on tweens and teens), Atlas Games (They donated some free games for review), Author's writing process, Leveraging Historical writings (might be particularly helpful with our current vault), An AI tool that is being trained in Seattle for libraries, "Library of Things" for the community (mushroom bags).
- 6. Sarah reviewed patron number
 - Thursday afternoons are the most popular day
 - There were two-half days for Waitsburg School and the library hosted messy crafts during that time. They were both successful and brought in more patrons.
- 7. The Washington State Library Survey is near completion. It requires very detailed reporting
- 8. Waitsburg Celebration Days is this Weekend
 - The library will have a float featuring a tractor, banner and dinosaurs
 - There are several vehicles for people to enjoy that go with the "Things that Go" theme.
 - Additionally, the library will host a sensory table and coloring
 - Kim will be at the library, Laurie at the gravel pad and Sarah will float back and forth as needed.
- 9. Sarah received Waitsburg Employee of the Year
 - It is well deserved and everyone congratulated her
- 10. Next Steps
 - Sarah will go to the schools to find when the students can come down to the library for summer reading kick off
 - Sarah will complete the Summer Reading ordering
 - The Intern Interviews will be completed and report back to the board
- 11. Close the meeting
 - Motion by Tracy Barron
 - Seconded by Temah Alleman
 - Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted by Temah Alleman

REPORTS SUBMITTED

1. Library Report
2. Purchase Requests
3. WLA WA250 Mini-Grant Plan
4. Budget Reports