

**MARION CARNEGIE LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
6:30 PM SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

George Trammell called the meeting to order at 6:30

Roll Call:

Present:

Andrea Bradley
Matt Colboth
Twila Couey
Jenna Griffith
Phyllis Landwehr - Absent
Carolyn Loving
Roderick Throgmorton
George Trammell
Linda Walker
Loretta Broomfield, Director

Recognition of Visitors and Visitor Comments:

There were five (5) visitors.

One (1) visitor addressed the board.

Consent Agenda: (Minutes, Financial Statement, Department Activities, and Circulation Report) Carolyn Loving made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, and it was seconded by Andrea Bradley. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Director's Report:

1. Loretta submitted the FY 2026 PNG grant application to the Illinois State Library, requesting \$28,914.
2. The new Library Services Coordinator and a new Library Assistant started on August 18. Both are working out well after two weeks on the job.
3. There are plans to revive the book bike for outreach. The new Library Services Coordinator will take the bike to the September and October Third Thursdays on the square and the MHS homecoming parade.
4. Loretta is preparing detailed notes for the new director as well as cleaning and organizing files.

Committee Reports:

1. **Personnel:** There were two new hires: Library Services Coordinator and Library Assistant for main floor.
2. **Building and Grounds:** Nothing
3. **Finance:** Nothing
4. **Friends:** Carolyn reported the book sale and ongoing book sale totals came to \$1,440. The Friends also voted to donate to the nonresident library card reimbursement fund again this year—enough to fund an estimated 60 households. The Friends will also be offering “Friends Bucks” as an incentive for book sales.
5. **Technology:** The library will phase out Hoopla for audiobooks and e-books. The cost of Hoopla has become unsustainable. Libby by OverDrive will be the substitute for Hoopla at a 30% savings. Hoopla is estimated to continue through November while Libby will be available in September.

Unfinished Business:

1. The Director Search Committee consists of Andrea Bradley, Jenna Griffith, and Matt Colboth. The ad was published today, 9/8/25.

New Business:

1. Payment of the August bills – A motion was made by Andrea Bradley and seconded by Roderick Throgmorton to approve payment of the August bills. All were in favor, and the motion carried.
2. The next meeting is Monday, October 20. (Third Monday due to staff training day on regular board meeting date) at 6:30 PM. Linda Walker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt Colboth, with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Linda Walker