

Minutes / Meeting of the Board of Trustees /Waverly Public Library
Tuesday 9 June 2026 / Waverly Room, Waverly Public Library

Board members present: Diana Blake, Jim Janssen, Elaine Main, James Perry [departed at 5:45 p.m.], Michael Sherer, Angie Wessel, Robert Wharram.

Also present: Sarah Meyer (library director), Ann Rathe (City Council liaison).

Absent: Erin Jones, Deanna McCue

1. **Call to order** at 5:15 p.m.
2. **Agenda** was approved as presented.
3. **Minutes** were accepted as presented.
4. **Financials.** *Meyer* observed that, with only weeks left in the current fiscal year, except for additional expenses for HVAC, “things worked out well this year financially.” *Blake* observed, “Financially we are in good shape; we’re using our money wisely.” The report was approved as per standing resolution.
5. **Building and Grounds.** *Wharram* led a conversation about a proposed exterior building to house the library’s bookmobile. He shared a rough sketch illustrating a possible design. A spirited discussion ensued. *Rathe*: Why do we need a shed and who pays for it? *Meyer*: We’re endeavoring to extend the life of the vehicle. Funding might come from the Foundation, but that has not been explored. *Janssen*: I have some misgivings about doing this. The bookmobile has a life span. *Perry*: If the Foundation doesn’t pay for it, the proposal doesn’t make sense to me. There may be other places to house the bookmobile. *Janssen*: We might consider a rental facility. *Blake*: The city maintains the vehicle. *Perry*: I understood the bookmobile would not be a budget expense. *Wharram*: The bookmobile needs winter shelter. *Perry*: Why not put it into winter storage, bring it out in friendlier weather, and not construct a building for it? *Blake*: Let’s gather further information before making a final decision.
6. **New Officers.** The members accepted by unanimous vote the recommended slate of officers for 2026-2027: President — Jim Janssen; Vice-President — Erin Jones; Secretary — Michael Sherer.
7. **Committee Appointments** were accepted as presented: *Budget & Finance*: McCue, Perry; *Personnel & Policies*: Janssen, Sherer; *Building & Grounds*: Wharram, Wessel, Jones.
8. **Personnel & Policies.** *Main* reviewed the current security camera policy, stressing that captured images are to be viewed only by the librarian and those

the director authorizes. The committees summary review of the director's performance was accepted by the board.

9. **Strategic Plan.** *Meyer* summarized contents of an Objectives & Activities spreadsheet. Content was divided between Goal # 1, "Learning"; and Goal # 2, "Be Connected." The board received the review favorably and approved the strategic plan for 2026-27.
10. **Director's Comments.** *Meyer* reminded members of the upcoming Celebration of Life service for Linda Podhajsky, 10:30 a.m., Monday 22 June, Trinity United Methodist Church, Waverly. She indicated that turnout for the Summer Reading Program has been strong, indicating enthusiasm "has been great so far." A July board meeting date may need to be adjusted due to member travel plans.
11. **Board Comments.** High praise was voiced for long years of service by departing members Diana Blake and Elaine Main.
12. **Adjournment** at 6:18 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Sherer
Secretary of the Board of Trustees