

Minutes / Meeting of the Board of Trustees /Waverly Public Library
Tuesday 9 December 2025 / Waverly Room, Waverly Public Library

Board members present: Diana Blake, Jim Janssen, Erin Jones, Elaine Main, Deanna McCue, James Perry, Michael Sherer, Angie Wessel, Robert Wharam. Also present were: Steve Main (Friends of the Library), and Sarah Meyer (library director).

1. **Call to order** at 5:16 p.m.
2. **Agenda** was approved as presented.
3. **Minutes** were accepted as received.
4. **Budget Proposal.** Meyer walked board members through a two-page spreadsheet detailing a proposed budget for 2026-27, to be presented to City Council for approval. Proposed revenue was listed at \$91,411 plus an undetermined additional amount to be transferred from the city's General Fund. Proposed expenses were listed at \$1,183,136. The Board approved the proposal.
5. **Director's Comments.** Meyer explained the library will be closed for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. She reported that a roof leak causing unwanted water in the men's restroom is being repaired. A conversation is soon to be held with a parent concerned about unfiltered Internet access on library computers. Planning is underway for one or more "Internet safety" sessions, to be offered in Spring 2026.
6. **Review of Focus Group findings.** State Library of Iowa Consultant Becky Heil shared reflections and insights by means of a virtual conversation. She walked board members through a list of community needs and aspirations and indicated that the focus group which met in late October had highlighted three "Library areas of focus." She stressed that the process of acting on recommendations is multi-year and that board and staff should not "try doing everything in one year." Areas of focus were identified as 1) Connect, Communicate, and Collaborate; 2) Form Resilient Communities; 3) Encourage Diversity. Heil will join the board for an in-person session at the January 13 business session.
7. **Adjournment** at 6:56 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Sherer, Secretary of the Board of Trustees