

Minutes / Meeting of the Board of Trustees / Waverly Public Library
Tuesday 10 February 2026 / Bremer Room, Waverly Public Library

Board members present: Diana Blake, Jim Janssen (by video), Erin Jones, Elaine Main, Michael Sherer, Angie Wessel, James Perry, Bob Wharram.
Absent: Deanna McCue.

Also present: Steve Main (Friends of the Library), Ann Rathe (City Council Liaison), Sarah Meyer (library director).

1. **Call to order** at 5:15 p.m.
2. **Agenda** was approved as presented.
3. **Minutes** were accepted as received.
4. **Financials.** Meyer walked board members through the current report, announcing “We are in really good shape at this point in the fiscal year.” She reminded members overdue fines are no longer collected, and yet one outreach location provided a check in excess of \$700 for a box of books borrowed and “lost.” Perry reported a \$10,000 check has been received in lieu of WPL once having been a Carnegie Library. Board approved the report.
5. **Bylaws Review.** Main indicated the bylaws have been reviewed and, with one small adjustment suggested by Jones, no changes are necessary. Approved.
6. **Strategic Planning “Next Steps.”** Meyer reviewed progress “toward a resilient community.” She highlighted the focus area “Lifelong Learning.” It was suggested Goal # 1, “Fight Misinformation” might be better titled. That will be taken under review. Under the focus area “Connectedness,” Meyer zeroed in on Goal # 1 (Fight social isolation and loneliness), which might be followed by objectives like (Providing the Library as a 3rd space) and (Bring diverse people together). Rathe suggested checking out two resources: “Braver Angels” (U. of Minnesota) and “Community Plate.”

7. **Accreditation Application.** Meyer reviewed elements of State Library of Iowa's Public Library standards. Of 85 standards, she identified only four optional standards WPL fails to meet. The Board was also given the ADA checklist for the toilet rooms, which was reviewed. The accreditation application has been approved by the Board.

8. **Core Library Policies.** Meyer led an animated group discussion on the implications of book banning and filtering computer use. WPL has a process for registering a concern. Conversation was shared about the fate of books removed from circulation.

9. **Adjournment** at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Sherer, Secretary of the Board of Trustees