

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

Board members present: Diana Blake, Jim Janssen (by video), Erin Jones, Elaine Main, Deanna McCue, Michael Sherer, Angie Wessel. Absent: James Perry.
Also present: Sarah Meyer (library director), Ann Rathe (City Council Liaison).

1. **Call to order** at 5:16 p.m.
2. **Agenda** was approved as presented.
3. **Minutes** were accepted as received.
4. **Financials.** *Meyer* walked board members through the current report, explaining that salaries and wages, thus far in the fiscal year, are “right on schedule.” She noted we are paying significantly more for gas this year. In January this year, 7 gas units were consumed; last year, 4.5 units were used in the same period. Board approved the report. *Wharram:* Keep in mind, this year in January there were 16 days below freezing. *Main:* Another factor may be that the footprint for our building is larger now. *Meyer:* Books and media spending are about right for this point in the year.”
5. **Strategic Planning update.** *Meyer* suggested the library’s current vision statement still works well. Future vision, she suggested, might well focus on resilience, with stress on learning and connectedness. Under *learning*, she highlighted three goals: digital literacy; artificial intelligence; and basic life skills. Under *connectedness* she lifted up bringing people back (to the library); community dialog; and community in physical space. *Janssen:* I really feel good about this list. *Jones:* Six goals seems like a rather long list for our purposes. *Meyer:* They can serve as a five-year plan. *Sherer:* In the current environment, good to see “critical thinking” included. A healthy (and, if not animated, surely lively) discussion followed. The list of goals was approved.
6. **Library closure.** A proposal was brought to close the library April 1-3 so that staff can attend the Public Library Association conference in Minneapolis. The proposal was approved.
7. **Director’s Comments.** *Meyer* reported there is excitement about the coming presentation at the library by Officer Gomez of the Waverly Police Department. He will discuss digital safety on March 23. Bids are being sought for replacing the security cameras in the building.

8. **Board Members' Comments.** *Main* indicated the staff will use an instrument to evaluate the director's performance between April 1-10. Thereafter, the board will do so. *Wharram*: A decision is expected on the county library budget at the board of supervisors' meeting on either April 14 or April 21.

9. **Adjournment** at 6:32 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Sherer, Secretary of the Board of Trustees