

Harrisburg Public Library District - Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21st, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Harrisburg Public Library District was called to order by David Berry at approximately 5pm. Trustees in attendance included Denise Drue, Janet Jones, Kelly Phelps, Emily Sumner, Sally Wofford, and Emily Bergman, Library Director. Robert (Bob) DeVillez was not in attendance.

Consent Agenda –

Sally Wofford made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Janet Jones provided a second. The motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

President's Report – None

Public Comment – None

Correspondence/Communication – Jerry King's article was included in our packets highlighting our very own Emily Bergman.

Committee Reports

*****Finance** – The Special Projects CD at Peoples National Bank will mature on January 29th. Sally and David will take care of this matter per past practice.

*****Personnel**

- A. Maureen's last day was January 15, 2026,
- A. Emily has spoken to someone about a part-time position,
- B. As an aside, Emily Sumner mentioned Celebrity Readers. Janet stated she will help with this as well.

*****Policy**

- A. The Policy Committee probably needs to meet and discuss how hate language is addressed within the Social Media policy.
- B. Emily shared that fun videos are being created/shared on Social Media to promote the library and attract more users.

*****Building and Grounds**

- A. Bushes are 'hiding' the newest outside art donation. Janet has a contact for possible removal of these bushes,
- B. Kelly, Janet, and Bob met with Andrew Daniels,
- C. There are also concerns about creeping/climbing vines.

Old Business:

Roofing Issues/Building & Grounds

*******Emily has not heard back from Wes as there are continued concerns about some concrete spots along with a drain grate and fence along the Westside.

New Business:

Engagement Agreement with Nina Brown – The only concern is in section 5 which indicates payment within 10 days. Emily will discuss this with Nina as this does not line up with our current check disbursements. Kelly Phelps made a motion to move forward with this agreement, pending clarification of the 10-day payment notice. Emily Sumner provided a second and the motion carried.

While we are still waiting for a response to the P&G grant, we did not qualify for the 'Equalization' portion of the Per Capita/Equalization Grant.

Please return Statement of Economic Interest to Emily

The Saline County Chamber of Commerce Banquet is Tuesday, February 10 at Southeastern Illinois College. We will decorate a table per our normal. Please contact Emily if you plan to attend.

Kaitlyn is willing to provide Notary services to patrons if the library is willing to cover the cost. Denise Drue made a motion for the library to pay the cost necessary for Kaitlyn to complete the training to obtain Notary credentials. Janet Jones provided a second. Motion carried.

Closed Session – Emily Sumner made a motion to adjourn to execute session. Kelly Phelps provided a second.

Kelly Phelps made a motion to adjourn out of all meetings at approximately 6:38 pm with Denise Drue providing a second. Motion passed unanimously. Respectfully submitted by Leah Denise Drue, Secretary