

Harrisburg Public Library District - Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Harrisburg Public Library District was called to order by Bob DeVillez at approximately 5pm. Those in attendance included Robert (Bob) DeVillez, Denise Drue, Kelly Phelps, Emily Sumner, and Emily Bergman, Library Director as well as 2 High School-age students in attendance for their Illinois Civics class. David Berry, Janet Jones, and Sally Wofford were absent.

Consent Agenda –

Denise Drue made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Emily Sumer provided a second and the motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

President's Report

***Bob shared that the Illinois Library Association offers various trainings, free of charge. Many are pre-recorded and can be viewed at your own leisure. If interested, please see Emily B, and she will get everything set up.

***Kudos to our very own Emily Bergman as she was part of a panel discussion, "Library Directors: What Do You Wish You Knew?" for the IHLS Virtual Member Day Conference.

Public Comment – None

Correspondence/Communication –

***Patrons reached out to the library regarding (1) Blind-date with a book for Valentines Day, (2) family-based Genealogy Research, and (3) Geo-Caching.

Committee Reports

*****Finance** – None

*****Personnel** – Denise Drue & Emily Sumner met with Emily B. on March 11 to discuss a potential increase to the salary of Kaitlyn Hanks, Teen Librarian. Based on the information provided, Denise Drue made a motion to increase her salary of Ms. Hanks to \$17.00 per hour. Kelly Phelps provided a second and the motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

*****Policy** – None

*****Building and Grounds** – We are in communication with Kennedy Plumbing about a specific part for the restroom and Sherry continues to reach out and document attempts to rectify the elevator situation.

Director's Report – Old Business

Statement of Economic Interest – Must be turned in by May 1st.

Evaluations – Trustee members will complete Emily's evaluation, and she will take care of everyone else.

ILS Security Grant – This grant is up to \$100,000 and could provide money to move forward with much needed technology upgrades including the possibility of being able to view library cameras from home, etc.

Southern Arts Fund – We have been awarded a grant for the *Spring-Summer Cultural Series: Music* which will run from May through July. We hope to partner with Action Team for a Better Saline County on this endeavor.

Standards Reviewed included (1) Access, and (2) Advocacy/Community Engagement. As we continually move through the standards, we need to strive to also review the Strategic Plan on a regular basis and determine how it is impacted based on updates and suggestions to the various standards.

Emily will be a reader at the Young Author's Contest and the theme for the summer reading program is Summer Rewind.

Denise Drue made a motion to dismiss at 5:40pm. Emily Sumner provided a second and the motion carried unanimously. Respectfully submitted by Leah Denise Drue, Secretary.