

Board Meeting Minutes

The Thursday, September 11, 2025, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Alex Mosakowski, Chair. Present were board members Alex Mosakowski, Sarah Wyrick, Heather Caswell, Erren Harter, Terri Summey, Scott Capes, Jesse Lobbs, Caron Daugherty; Director Pauline Stacchini.

Approve Agenda: (MSP: Capes, Harter 7-0)

Public Comment: none.

Consent Agenda: Stacchini reported on a meeting with the bathroom renovation contractor. All bathrooms will be done at the same time, leaving available only one public bathroom, the family restroom in the children's room. The work will require 60 calendar days. Discussion followed about whether to postpone the start till later in December, or move Breakfast with Santa to another location, with the latter being the consensus of the Board. Consent agenda, including minutes and reports, approved. (MSP: Harter/Capes 8-0)

Treasurer's Report: Financials for August 2025 were presented and reviewed by Treasurer Lobbs. Approved including payment of bills. (MSP: Lobbs/Daugherty 8-0)

Stacchini presented the updated 2026 budget. Major changes are a 13% increase in health insurance costs, and salary increases.

Unfinished Business: Stacchini offered revised wording for Vision for the Future: "The Emporia Public Library champions a community where everyone is a reader, where knowledge and connection unite us, and where Emporia flourishes as the best small town in America." Discussion of details followed, with a motion to form a task force to develop a vision and structure for a pledge. (MSP: Caswell/Harter 7-1)

New Business:

A: Director's Report: Motion to table till the October meeting (MSP: Wyrick/Harter 8-0)

B: NCKLS Contract. Approved (MSP: Harter/Capes 8-0)

Friends Report: Harvey Foyle reported that FOL made over \$2000 on the latest First Friday Art Walk and Saturday Flash Sale. Fall book sale is Oct 19-25. The building will get a new roof soon and a paint job is being suggested to local service groups as a project.

Board Comment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Next board meeting will be Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Wyrick, Secretary

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