

# Minutes of Marshall Library Board – December 10, 2025

## **Call to Order:**

The Marshall Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, in the Illinois Room of the Marshall Public Library following our annual Christmas dinner. President John Tarble, who was wearing a “red truck sweater” in keeping with the theme of the evening, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm CST. Board members present were Mike Cameron, Jody Green, Janet Hasten, Bob Nelson, Melissa Strait, and Herman Wallace. Alyson Thompson, Director, and Jamie Poorman, Librarian, were also present. Steve Schofield and Jenn Smitley were absent.

## **Secretary's Report:**

The minutes from the November 14, 2025 special meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Melissa, seconded by Jody, the minutes were approved.

## **Officers' Reports:**

There were no officers' reports.

## **Presentation of Bills:**

The invoices on the December bill listing were reviewed. On a motion by Herman, seconded by Mike, payment of bills in the amount of \$6,051.10, plus an add-on in the amount of \$120.00 to Stacey Dunne, was approved. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: John—yes; Herman—yes; Melissa—yes; Mike—yes; Bob – yes; Janet – yes; Jody—yes.

## **Librarian's Report:**

Jamie gave her written report to the trustees to view at their leisure.

## **Friends of the Library:**

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be on January 8, 2026, at 5 p.m.

## **Marshall Area Public Library District:**

The Area District met on November 25. They discussed their tax levy for the coming year and approved bills. Their next meeting will be February 24, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

## **Director's Report:**

Alyson passed out a copy of the annotated tax levy working papers for the City of Marshall which were prepared by the Mayor. She noted that the Mayor had requested that the Council approve levying the maximum rate for the Library Corporate Tax (.13) and the Library Building and Equipment Tax (.02).

She informed the Board that the fire marshal had inspected the elevator and approved it for recertification. However, the certificate had not been received yet from the State.

We had received some tax money and were able to deposit a portion of that into our special reserve to start building that fund's balance again.

The discussion on Per Capita Talking Points: Illinois Public Library Standards 12-17 was moved to our January meeting.

## **Other Business:**

A Personnel Committee meeting date was set for January 27 or 28, depending on the schedules of committee members.

## **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm CST on a motion by Herman, seconded by Melissa.

The next meeting will be on January 14, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Dale McConchie Meeting Room of the Marshall Public Library.

Janet Hasten, Secretary