

MARSHALL AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

Marshall Public Library

Dale McConchie Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:** 4:30 p.m. by Cynthia Wright
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call** – Noted by Danielle Cline, Trustee
In Attendance: Cynthia Wright, Danielle Cline, Elaine Miller, Jeremy Anderson Jamie Poorman (Librarian), Alyson Thompson (Library Director)
Absent: Jeff Burress, Kelley Ray, Reuben Stence
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Secretary of State sent a note to Trustees for the IHLS
 - b. Jamie made Road Scholars '26-'27
 - c. 4H Foundation Board sent a thank you note for Christmas Tree donation
 - d. Journey in Faith sent a thank you for the use of the Library
 - e. Henderson family sent a thank you
 - f. Many Christmas Cards
6. **Secretary's Report:** Elaine Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jeremy Anderson seconded. All approved
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Reported by Elaine Miller (Treasurer)
 - a. General Fund Balance: \$9,269.40
Insurance Fund Balance: \$3,835.12
 - b. Banking will need to be direct deposit beginning next year for taxes. Jeremy made a motion to go ahead and begin using the direct deposit option. Elaine Miller seconded. All approved.
8. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - a. Bill of \$190.00 to American Library Association and \$20.00 to Meehling & Bernardoni. Jeremy Anderson made a motion. Elaine Miller seconded. Roll call taken; all ayes.
 - b. AMENDED: Consideration of Costs Associated with Illinois Arts Council Grant and Turner Bus American Revolution Tour Discussion was held regarding expenses related to the Illinois Arts Council Grant and the upcoming American Revolutionary War Tour. It was noted that grant funds are designated to support the installation of a stained-glass eagle in the archway above the door at Gaslight Art Colony. While funds have been awarded, timing of disbursement may present a delay. To ensure the project proceeds as planned, the Area agreed to cover upfront costs, with reimbursement to be made upon receipt of grant funds. Additionally, the Board discussed costs associated with the Turner Bus rental for the upcoming "American Revolutionary War Tour." The Area agreed to pay the \$400 deposit and half of the total bus rental fee upfront, with reimbursement to be recouped through ticket sales from tour attendees. Jeremy Anderson made a motion to approve payment of necessary expenses for the stained glass window, not to exceed \$7,000, with reimbursement to come from the Illinois Arts Council Grant. The motion also included approval of the Turner Bus expenses as outlined.

- b. Elaine Miller seconded. Roll call taken; all ayes.
9. **Librarian's Report:** Reported by Jamie Poorman. Copy attached
- a. Food for Fines/February Love Letters helps bring back missing books
 - b. December's Facebook views were at 96,253. Jamie has a goal to hit 100,00 in one month
 - c. 1/3 of the way through cataloging the family histories in the genealogy collection
 - d. Had a total of 59 memorials for the 2025 year
10. **Director's Report/Friends of the Library Report:** Alyson Thompson reported. Copy attached.
- a. Staff received their mid-year pay increase
 - b. IL Fire Marshal approved elevator inspection
 - c. City workers delivered a very large solid walnut bookshelf from Dr. George Mitchell's house to the head librarian's office
 - d. House of Representative, Adam Niemerg visited the library on 12/5 with Alyson and John Tarble giving him a tour of newly renovated IL room
 - e. Alyson Thompson had a telephone conference with Attorney Steve Greene to discuss MAPLD appropriations/levies to replace retiring attorney, Rick Bernardoni.
 - f. Discussion of hiring new municipal attorney; with the suggestion of retiring attorney, Rick Bernardoni. Cynthia Wright made the motion to accept the new attorney, Steve Greene. Jeremy Anderson seconded. Roll call taken; all ayes.
11. **Unfinished Business:**
- a. Alyson has left two messages with the Forsythe Manager regarding the possible addition of a Little Free Library at Holly Brook/Lion's Gate apartments. It was decided to let the case of the new addition rest and focus on the current Little Free Libraries
12. **New Business:**
- a. Discussed having all trustees complete the Statement of Economic Interest for 2026 (also known as the None Form). These were sent via email from Clark Country-EIS with a deadline of 5/1/26
13. **Other:**
- a. Alyson will be presenting to the City Hall Council on April 13th with all Trustees invited and encouraged to attend the meeting
14. **Adjournment:** Danielle Cline made a motion to adjourn. Elaine Miller seconded. All approved. Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Cline