

City Of Lake Geneva Library Board Minutes
Thursday, December 11, 2025 - 3:30 PM
Lake Geneva Public Library

Members: Dennis Lyon (President), Lynelle Gramm (Vice President), Larry Kundert (Treasurer), Chris Brookes, Wen-D Kersten, Nick Vorpagel, Jill Rodriguez, Barb Dinan, Mardi Pennington, Sherri Ames, Lori Hartz

Call to Order

President Lyon called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Lyon, Kundert, Gramm, Brookes, Kersten (via phone), Rodriguez, Pennington, Ames, Hartz. Excused: Vorpagel, Dinan. Also present: Kornak

Public comments; limited to 5 min and items listed on this agenda

No public comments.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Kundert/Ames motion to approve previous meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Finance, building & grounds

Kundert/Ames motion to approve the previous two months' of invoices totaling \$178,995.50 passed unanimously. Rodriguez/Pennington motion to approve basement cleaning in the amount of \$500 passed unanimously. Kundert/Brookes motion to approve \$7500 from Steffgen endowment for meeting room renovation as recommended by Finance committee passed unanimously. Kundert/Gramm motion to approve \$10,000 from the Swanson endowment for print materials in 2026 passed unanimously.

President's report

Lyon updated the board on the Hwy 50 project progress and communication needed moving forward.

Library report

Kornak shared the staff reports for the previous month of November and noted that circulation is trending above 2024 numbers. Programs in the Smith Meeting Room are winding down and cleanout is progressing.

Committee reports

Rodriguez informed the board that Personnel had completed the Library Director's evaluation. Staff reviews were completed in November. Hartz noted that the Strategic Planning Committee will meet on January 12 at 3:00 pm. A visioning retreat for the board is tentatively planned for February 2026.

Friends of the Library report

No December meeting for Friends of the Library; iconic entrepreneur program series continues to be very successful. Thanks to Tristan Crist for an excellent program with Nick Vorpagel at Lodge Geneva National and inviting library staff and Friends to a magic show the next day. Cart book sale has been a great fundraiser and the Friends have a tree at the Geneva Lake Museum Parade of Trees.

City report

Ames shared City Council update with the Library Board. Spring elections are coming.

Adjournment

Kundert/Rodriguez motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. passed unanimously.