

City Of Lake Geneva Library Board Minutes
Thursday, June 18, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Lake Geneva Public Library

Call to Order

Board president Lyon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p..

Roll Call

Present: Lyon, Gramm, Kundert, Brookes, Kersten, Ames, Pennington, Hartz. Excused: Dinan, Rodriguez, Vorpapel

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda

None

Approval of the minutes from May 21, 2026

Ames/Kundert motion to approved passed unanimous

Finance, Building & Grounds Committee Report

Kundert noted that a 2027 operating budget workshop is needed and requested for work on the preliminary budget proposal.

Review of previous months' invoices

Kundert/Ames motion to approve May 2026 invoices \$124,661 passed unanimously.

Building & grounds report

Kundert reported basement water leakage, Kornak is addressing with Glen Fern for initial quote / fix. Roof maintenance has been completed. Patio is on Glen Fern's radar and schedule for completion.

Investments / donations report

Kundert reported on Bank First balance of approximately \$71K. Swanson endowment is over \$184K. Avedisian CDs are designated for library use at Bank First. Investment Pool #6 balance is approx. \$556K after some Smith Meeting Room renovation expenses.

President's report

Lyon reviewed Trustee Essentials 18 and 19. Board discussed how we encourage input and expand who and how we serve the community. Topics focused on services, strategic planning, staffing, goals, demographics, and how to successfully meet user needs. How does marketing and PR play into these goals. Strategic planning can do some investigating into board and community makeup as well as verify ordinances at the City and County level and report back. Lyon/Kornak reviewed library director certification.

Library report

Kornak shared library updates.

Kersten suggested using website and QR codes more to drive website traffic and event awareness.

1. Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. State. 19.85(1)(c) for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility regarding: Youth Services Librarian (Finley)
2. Motion to return to open session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(2) and take action on any items discussed in closed session.

Pennington/Kersten motion to go into closed session passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Brookes/Kundert motion to return to open session passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Lyon/Gramm motion to approve recommendation from closed session passed unanimously.

Library Policies - Board review

Board agreed to split policies into two sections to review at upcoming meetings.

Committee reports

Strategic planning: Hartz noted that she has a lot of data from library visits. Barb Bigler has moved to MI but will continue to assist. End of July will look at reconvening the committee (possibly early August) to discuss findings.

Brookes reported that the landmark plaque needs board approval for installation on the building. Public Works will install. Proposed installation on the building is under the 918 plaque to the right of the main doors when facing the doors. This will be on the July agenda to discuss and approve installation.

Friends and Foundation reports

Friends report: met yesterday and have a new treasurer. First meeting of new Friends fiscal year, reporting on financials, membership, book sale and book shop work, Upcoming program on July 15 at Horticultural Hall with Black Point Estate and Gardens. Goal: plan a September SMR appreciation celebration.

City report

Ames updated on City activities including Hillmoor and Hwy 50 meetings, strategic planning meetings. Dousman is the trolley provider. Free parking on Wednesdays for locals is in effect.

Adjournment

Kundert/Brookes motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. passed unanimously.