

Carthage Public Library District  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
August 11, 2025

The August meeting was called to order by President John Dittmer. Members present were: Director Amy Gee, John Dittmer, Ann Thompson, Sarah Talley, Dean McHugh, Andy Bastert, and Rose Fisher.

The Financial reports and Treasurer's report were presented. It was noted that the first payment of \$377,000 from the State of Illinois has been received. There was no discussion concerning the Hancock County tax assessment.

Corrected circulation numbers were presented.

John left the meeting at 4:50, Andy left at 4:55.

The librarian's report was presented with the following points highlighted:

- The Tracy Grant of \$50,000 was awarded to be used for shelving and furnishings for the kids section of the new library.
- The "Lawyer in the Library" grant was approved and we will be first to host an attorney this Friday.
- The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a coin drive, "Be the Change with Your Change". They will also sponsor a gift basket raffle on the square at Christmas.
- The Secretary of State is sponsoring safety grants to increase security for public schools, and libraries. We will apply as necessary.

**Unfinished business:**

There was some discussion of the TIF district. The discussion was tabled pending Carthage Mayor Gary Smith contacting Amy.

**New business:**

Amy noted some revisions that she made to the IPLAR draft that was sent out in the board packets. Motion to submit the IPLAR as revised was made by Rose, seconded by Ann. Motion passed.

**Construction project:**

- There was discussion concerning the placement of the dumpster, either on the west side or the north side of the building. The north side was decided.

- Andy will report back to us concerning the cost for Ameren services.
- The trusses have arrived and Sci checks in with the building everyday. As work continues, within a month the building should be protected by the weather.

There will be a public Budget Appropriation hearing prior to the September meeting at 4:00. Board members are urged to attend.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 15th at 4:30.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ann, seconded by Dean. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:05.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rose Fisher, Secretary  
Carthage Library Board of Trustees.