

Carthage Library Board of Trustees
Board Meeting
February 9, 2026

Reports:

President John Dittmer called the meeting to order. Members present were Director Amy Gee, Dean McHugh, Vicki Livingston, Ann Thompson, John Dittmer, Andy Bastert, Sarah Talley, and Rose Fisher.

A motion was made by Ann, seconded by Andy to approve the minutes of the special board meeting held on January 30th. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Ann to approve the January 12th board meeting minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report, Library budget spreadsheet, check list, and bank balances, were, with clarifications, presented by Andy. There was no discussion.

Amy presented the circulation report, which was included in this month's board packet.

Librarian's report:

- Fifteen people have begun using Palace which replaced the Boundless program.
- The community Family Fair was held on February 7th. It was moved to the elementary school this year which seemed to be a better choice for those attending.
- The 2026 Bobbofest funds will this year go to HUGS and Food for Thought.
- Amy has resubmitted the property tax exemption for the new building as per advice from the county assessor. She has also submitted the application for e-rate funding for the internet for FY 2026-27.

No reports were given from the Friends of the Library or the Library Foundation.

Unfinished Business:

More decisions will need to be made concerning both the study and community room in the new library.

Amy continues to look into insurance policies and rates, also for the new building.

New Business:

Audit reports were returned to the board for review.

Board member's Statements of Economic Interest forms were distributed to be returned either to Amy or the Courthouse. Due date for this form is April 30th.

Construction Project:

- A thermostat will need to be moved to make way for bookshelves.
- Window screens will be installed where windows will be opened.

- An intrusion alarm will be installed.
- Shelving has been ordered and will be installed upon arrival.
- We plan to wait for the ground to settle around the building before adding landscaping. Meanwhile, Amy has been speaking to community master gardeners and patrons interested in proposing ideas. We have had a donation specifically for the landscaping.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Sarah to adjourn. The motion carried.
The next board meeting will be on Monday, March 9th at 4:30 p.m.

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