

**Carthage Library Board of Trustees
Board Meeting
November 10, 2025**

President John Dittmer called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Members present were John Dittmer, Andy Bastert, Ann Thompson, Dean Mc Hugh, Sarah Talley, Director, Amy Gee, and Rose Fisher. A motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting was made by Andy, seconded by Ann, and the motion carried.

Financial Report

Financial/Treasurer's reports were presented by Andy. It was noted that the state has sent the second payment for the new library at \$377,000. There was no further discussion.

Librarian's Report

- The Library will be closed on Veteran's Day as well as on Thanksgiving Day.
- Christina Geissler has been hired.
- Family Reading night is on November 20th, however we will be calling it Family Reading Week and will be celebrating with a Curious George party on November 17th.
- The Library will participate in the Carthage Christmas Open House on December 4th.
- As Baker and Taylor, a book wholesaler, has gone out of business, Amy has been working with Amazon and Ingram for books.

Friends of the Library

- The "Be the Change, with Your Change" coin drive will continue through the end of 2025. basket
- Friends are working on the gift raffle and have gathered 31 baskets. Board members are encouraged to sell raffle tickets at \$2/ticket or 6 for \$10. The last day to purchase tickets is 12/15, with the drawing to be held on 12/16.

Unfinished Business

- Amy has submitted the TIF Reimbursement Application. The estimated cost of the parking lot was used as the application. Amy will also submit documentation showing the expenditures for the lot.
- The City Council voted to resume responsibility for Friendship Park with an official transfer.

New Business

- Holiday closings were discussed with the Library closing at 2:00 pm on Christmas Eve until the following Monday morning. It will also close on New Year's Eve at 5:00 pm and reopen the following Saturday. These closings are for 2026.
- The remaining Library Standards were reviewed with discussion.

Construction Project

- The roof is completed.

- More discussion will be necessary to decide how much of the shelving to reuse.
- Elizabeth Bollin has been contacted to refinish the antique cupboard.

Fundraising

- Another fundraising campaign will begin soon. Ideas for a slogan are welcome.

A motion to adjourn was made by John, seconded by Ann, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, December 8th at 4:30 pm.