

Carthage Library Board of Trustees
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President John Dittmer. Members present were Director Amy Gee, President John Dittmer, Ann Thompson, Andy Bastert, Dean McHugh, Vicki Livingston, and Rose Fisher. A motion was made by Andy to approve the minutes from the September 8th meeting, seconded by Ann and the motion carried. A motion was made by Ann, seconded by Dean to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on September 22nd. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Financial reports were presented by Andy. It was noted that the 2nd installment from the State of Illinois had been paid. The new building will not be listed as an asset until the building is complete. There were no other comments.

Librarian's Report

- Amy is in the process of hiring Christina Geissler for the youth programs position. She will probably begin in mid October.
- Programming continues including move and grove, book club, crochet club, after school STEAM program, and Euchre club.
- ILP will present programs on October 21st and on November 18th.
- U of I Extension has created a series of food preservation webinars. We will show the first program on October 13th and 16th.
- 317 children have registered for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in the county with 56 of them having a Carthage address.
- Carthage will be holding a series of mapping meetings, which is part of a strategic planning process. Meetings will be held at the Catholic Church Hall.

Friends of the Library

The friends will once again be having their basket raffle for the Christmas Open House. Donations are welcome and will be accepted until the end of October.

Foundation Report

The Foundation held their annual meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd. An election of officers was held. Additional members are welcome.

There were no public comments.

New business

The Levy ordinance was reviewed with explanations. A motion was made to approve by Dean, seconded by Vicki. Roll call vote was held: John, yes. Rose, yes. Ann, yes. Andy, yes. Dean, yes. Vicki, yes. The motion carried.

The quarterly report for the Construction Grant is due on October 15th. Amy will complete it as she finds the correct percentage of the project that is finished.

Annual financial reports were reviewed with no discussion.

Unfinished business

Mayor Smith and Amy spoke by phone to discuss the TIF grant application. Discussion was held on the amount to be requested. Amy was given permission to sign the application and submit it to City Hall.

Mayor Smith and Amy have discussed Friendship Park. A motion was made by Rose to make arrangements to relinquish it to the city, seconded by Ann. The motion carried.

The first part of the Library Standards were reviewed. There was little discussion. The second part will be reviewed at the November meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn by Andy, seconded by Dean. The motion carried. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Fisher
Secretary
Carthage Library Board of Trustees.