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Board of Trustees Meeting  
14 May 2025  
Minutes

Called to order: 10:30 a.m.

Present: Diane Aaronson, Glenda Bolton, Cary Brunswick, Susan Kenny, Kristy Vander Werff (online; not eligible to vote) and Tina Winstead.

Minutes

Cary made a motion that was seconded by Glenda to approve the 4-9-25 minutes as amended to correct the day of interviews to Thursday. All present in favor.

New Director: Cary made a motion that was seconded by Glenda to appoint Alex Benjamin to the Library Director 1 position with a starting salary of \$63,000 effective June 13, 2025. Kristy abstained. All others in favor. He will serve 1 week in-training with the current director before she retires.

Cary will contact the Daily Star to write an article about the new director. Diane will send Alex a letter of hire.

Staff Handbook: Susan made a motion that was seconded by Cary to approve the changes to the Staff Handbook. All present in favor.

Lothrop presentation: The Board agreed to select Monday, June 9 at 12:30 for the presentation and it will be open to the public.

Purchase of 14 Church Street: Glenda made a motion that was seconded by Susan to make an offer to purchase the property on Church Street from Frank Vergari for \$10,000 using the library Capital Fund. All present in favor. Tina will ask David Merzig to write a purchase offer.

Cary left the meeting.

Library Director Report

The report was reviewed.

### Other

The celebration of the new park project will be postponed until Friday, June 13 because thunderstorms are predicted for May 16.

Diane will email the Trustees about a new day/time for the Board meetings.

The Children's Volunteer Program packet was discussed. It was determined that the library should run a background check on volunteers, and that they will take the Sexual Harassment Training. Diane will send the training that Cornell Cooperative Extension uses for volunteers.

Glenda made a motion that was seconded by Susan to hire Lee (Benny) Pryor as a full-time, provisional Library Clerk. All present in favor.

The 4CLS Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 2 at the Afton River Club. Let Tina know if you're interested in attending.

### Financial

Susan made a motion that was seconded by Glenda to approve payment of the bills, and budget amendments. All present in favor.

Next regular Board meeting will be June 14 at 10:30 am and Tina will invite Alex to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.