

Minutes of the November 6, 2025 Library Board of Trustees Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Wayne Neuman, Board president. Trustees Linda Bottoroff, Linda Graves, and Beth Grove and Library Director Roxann Boyce along with Janet Adix (Museum Director), Heidi Eckers - (City Clerk) and (Mayor) Dolorus Yager.

Agenda was unanimously approved with a motion by Grove and seconded by Bottoroff.

The minutes from the October 2, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Graves and seconded by Bottoroff.

Janet Adix (Museum Director) gave an update to the board about digitizing the newspaper. She had talked with the Webster City Director and Janet stated that Webster City would have full control of the consolidating. Janet Adix is working with the Jewell Library director to get permission of the copyrights to the newspaper, she is needing to contact the City Clerk of Randall, Iowa for him to grant them permission. Adix also gave us a run down on her applying for a grant to continue and finalize the digitizing of the newspaper project. Adix also had a complaint about some missing museum items and yearbooks which the board of trustees stated they would look into it and report back to Adix.

The monthly financial statement was unanimously approved by Bottoroff and seconded by Grove.

Heidi Ecker's (City Clerk) gave us an update on the newly elected Mayor and the possibility of starting a Friends of the Library Group here at the Ellsworth Library. The board discussed this and decided they would not be able to get enough people interested in starting a Friends Group. They also discussed the possibility of getting the new director a debit card for library supplies. She also talked about replacing the story book that is currently on the Story Walk. She also stated that someone needs to get in touch with Dee Dee about adding new plastic coverings to protect the book holders that are currently on the story walk at this time. Mayor Dolorus Yager suggested that the library board members visit a town council meeting preferably the November 25, 2025 meeting at 6 pm to ask the council if the library board could use some of their Bingo funding for this project. The book Eckers also stated that the book selection needs to be changed out soon so she stated that Dee Dee and Roxann Boyce need to get together soon and discuss this. She also stated that the Ellsworth Library's name needs to be added to the Story Walk too.

Mayor Yager stated that she would like to get the quilt that was previously hanging in the Ellsworth Library and rehome it to City Hall. The trustees unanimously approved this motion and it will be taken to City Hall after it is framed and plastic covered but first it will need to be measured so it can be completed. Mayor Yager stated that Santa will be

coming to Ellsworth on December 13, 2025 for a town festival and thought maybe the library could be involved in this visit too.

Director Roxann Boyce proposed a speaker opportunity to the board members. O.J. Fargo would be the speaker and his presentation would be about the Civil War on a personal level. The board unanimously approved this opportunity and requested that we schedule him after the holidays. Cost for this speaker would be 50.00.

President Wayne Neuman stated that Roblox will no longer be available for use on all library computers/websites. This was approved unanimously by all Board Members. Grove discussed the safety concern with the Roblox websites since the library cannot censor them. Graves and Mayor Yager also discussed a potential new trustee candidate and are working to find the right person for the position.

Director Roxann Boyce also reported to the Board about the purchasing books from the Christian Woman's Thrift Store in Iowa Falls. The books cost 25 cents and so far Roxann has input over 80 books into the system. This is a cheap and easy way for the library to get books and helps build up the library's book supply. Roxann also stated that she belongs to a monthly book club and will be donating those books to the library as well.

The board talked about working on a new budget for the library at next month's meeting.

President Wayne also stated that he will not be at the next library board meeting because he is having a hip replacement.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm with a motion by Grove and seconded by Bottoroff.