

**Weldon Library Board Minutes
September 15, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by President Jered Shofner at 7:00pm, in the board meeting room of the Weldon Public Library.

The roll call was conducted by Chris Senkpiel. In attendance were Jered Shofner, Chris Senkpiel, Christi Baker, Carla Burton, Dave Meyer, Amanda Walters and Cherie Brittin. Library Director, Lori Rich, was also present.

The meeting minutes were presented from the August 18, 2026, board meeting. All minutes were adopted per discussion.

Public forum – none

Closed Session Item - none

TREASURER'S REPORT for August was reviewed by trustees.

The beginning balance at First National for August 1 was \$30,943.20. Receipts for August were \$12,652.51. The distributions for August were \$18,787.92 and fund disbursements were \$1,475.58 resulting in an ending balance on August 31, 2026, of \$23,3320.21.

There was a motion by Amanda to accept the August treasurer's report, seconded by Cherie Brittin. The vote to approve was unanimous, 7-0.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT was given by Lori Rich.

August Cloud Library Stats

Total Number of Items Circulated August 1 – August 31:

- Owned Content: 25,515 (12,501 - e-books; 13,014 - audiobooks)
- Pay-per-use Audio: 2,203
- Our patrons: eBook, 19 eAudio - 16

August Libby – Digital Library of Illinois (Reported Weldon Library Activity)

Total Number of Items Circulated August 1 – August 31:

- e-books – 14
- Magazine – 9
- Audio - 64

August funds deposited

- Fine, copy, fax: \$20.50
- Candy, soda, coffee: \$47.60
- Donation: Roger & Peggy Schlieper - \$250.00
- Donation: Carla Burton - \$200.00 (tv)
- Book Replacement: Riverton PL \$25.00
- Homecoming Raffle & Donation - \$82.00 (Holiday funding)
- Total \$625.10

Paid Out August - \$0

News from the Director:

- Barn Quilt ~ Fall designs August 29th, A – 13, 5 additional 'to-go' kits. We will be hosting a Mommy & Me Barn quilt class on January 30th. Details TBD.
- Chair Exercise Resumes – Sept. 11th, A-6. Hannah will not be returning. We will be working to continue the program possibly using our new TV and videos.
- Adult Extension Programs - Sept. 11th Cooking in an Instant (Insta-Pot) A-10
- **MSBC** – New Teacher Mrs. McKenzi Celiz
 - First meeting is Sept. 16th during lunch period – plan to meet 2x's a month
 - Book – The Good Bye Days – Jeff Zentner
- **Pre-K Storytime** – First meeting is September 4th – A-3, C-20
- **Early Dismissal Days** –
 - September 2nd – Molly Schneman: A-19, C-33
 - October 7th – Clay Lady
- **Wednesday Explorers**
 - 8/26/26 A-8, C-13
 - 9/9/26 A-12, C-14
- **Lego Friday**
 - 8/28/26 A-6, C-11
 - 9/9/26 A-8 C-17
 - 9/11/26 A- 10 C-13
- Gifts have been purchased for the upcoming Library Crawl – small book bags
- Amanda working on another grant opportunity through Illinois Prairie Community Foundation to support future programs

OLD BUSINESS

- Long Range Plan – bring back complete updates
- APLOS Updates were presented by Dave. Dave and Christi Baker continue to work on finalizing the reporting structure and journal entries. Standardized reports will be posted monthly. We will continue with month-to-month subscription.

- Camera – repair? (two cameras out now) Lori to reach out to Jason Reed at Prairie Computer Network Solutions – waiting on a response. Next month
- Heating / Air Conditioning replacement scheduled for Monday, September 14th – now completed. Not yet billed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Public Hearing - Truth in Taxation Act. No public present
- Adopt Levy Ordinance 26-05 as presented. Motion to approve by Amanda Walters, seconded by Cherie Bittin, approved unanimously
- ILLINET Interlibrary Loan and Reciprocal Borrowing Statistical Survey FY 2026 – Submitted by Lori
- Candidates for Library Board circulate/sign/notarize petitions ~ Cherie Brittin, Dave Meyer & Chris Senkpiel (Due early – Oct. 19-26. Dave, Cherie, Chris finished signing documents. (Future notes: list item as people being up for renewal, but NOT an agenda item)
- FY2027 Budget: Motion by Chris Senkpiel to approve FY2027 Budget Plan as presented by Dave Meyer, seconded by Amanda Walters, approved unanimously.
- LLIMRiCC Intergovernmental Agreement – no action now, move to next month agenda because documents are not yet updated
- Review Policies (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6)
 - Policy 1 – Rules of Conduct, no changes
 - Policy 2 – Operating hours, no changes
 - Policy 3 - Cost of Services, no changes
 - Policy 4 - Meeting Room Policy, no changes
 - Policy 5 – Exhibits, no changes
 - Policy 6 – Collection Management: heavy discussion on AI generated materials. Reviewed a policy change made by the Clinton Library. Choosing to NOT change our current policy
- Bi-Monthly Report was submitted. No questions from the Board.
- PPRT – discussion with Chet Walters regarding past and future reporting and distribution of funds. We have been invited to discuss with the Nixon Township Board, but Jered cannot attend. Dave will attend on our behalf to discuss the library's interest in these PPRT funds.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEW BUSINESS:

None recorded.

With no further business, there was a motion by Amanda Walters to adjourn meeting, seconded by Cherie Brittin. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

The Finance Committee held a meeting at the Library on September 3rd. The meeting was called to order at 1:30PM

In attendance were Dave Meyer, Jered Shofner, Christi Baker, Chris Senkpiel and Lori Rich.

Dave presented several reports which will become a part of our standard Finance reporting for monthly Board meetings. These reports will be posted monthly in advance of each Board meeting for personal review.

There was discussion about eliminating the prior reporting structure of the Sick Leave Fund as a 'fund' and treating the transactions as a normal liability fund in APLOS. We will preserve this fund in its current independent bank account, but balances and transactions will be reported as a liability.

For budget reporting purposes, we will include General Liability and Building Expenses transactions for monthly reviews.

It was noted that we need to accrue funds in the Liability Fund every month (not just adding funds when the fund is depleted) to demonstrate the need to request annual bumps to the tax levy.

The question of how we treat the monthly accrued interest from the Ray Hoops Fund will be posed at the full board meeting.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Chris. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.