



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Meeting Minutes By Kennedy Penk

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2026

12:00PM

Call to Order: 11:57am by President Bree Hutchison

In Attendance: Bree Hutchison, Beverly Posey, Father Mike Johnson, JW Singer, Kennedy Penk, and Sue DeGooyer.

Absent: Teri Bruce

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda: Remove “Review of draft 2025 form Annual Report” from discussion items. Motion made by Posey, second by Johnson. All approved.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, January 15th, 2026: Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Beverly Posey, second by Singer. All approved.

Approval of Bills – January: Motion to approve January bill list made by Hutchison, second by Posey. All approved.

Staff Reports: Kennedy verbally reviewed the written reports. Key points were 2026 legislative session, Hoopla update, Carnegie check was received, RLA agreement with Siouxland Libraries and South Dakota Titles to Go, arts and crafts supplies needed, technology update, facility update such as repairs needed and ongoing boiler issues, and lastly a thank you to Sue for her time on the library board.

- Director’s Report
- Education Program Coordinator
- Research Librarian/Archivist

Discussion Items

- New Board Member Welcome: Gave a quick welcome to JW Singer.
- ~~Review of draft 2025 Annual Report~~
- Friends of the Library group: Discussed starting a Friends of the Library group, what our next steps should be, and how to reach out to get people to join.
- 150 Years of Deadwood Reading Challenge: Discussed how the challenge will work, timeline, and prizes. Kennedy showed social media posts created by Jessica for the challenge.
- Outside/backyard furniture: Reviewed options for seating outside. Types of tables and chairs were discussed along with placement. Concern for bird poop landing on the tables

and chairs if placed under the tree was brought up. It was also mentioned that it could be worth checking in to see if the City has any extra patio type furniture we could have.

- Open board position: A motion was made by Hutchison to pull from previous board applicants to fill the open board position. Second by Posey. All approved.

Action Items

- Permission for Kennedy to attend the SDSL Director's Retreat Sun., March 29th – Tues., March 31st in Pierre.
 - Motion made by Johnson. Second by Posey. All approved.
- Permission for Monica to attend the Jump Start workshop hosted by the State Library on Fri., March 6th in Sturgis.
 - Motion by Hutchison. Second by Singer. All approved.
- Accept resignation of Sue DeGooyer from her position on the Library Board effective February 19th, 2026.
 - Motion made by Hutchison. Second by Posey. All approved.
- Approve March 18th, 2026 closure for Spring cleaning.
 - Motion made by Hutchison. Second by Posey. All approved.

Adjournment: 12:49pm motion to adjourn by Johnson, second by Hutchison.

Comments

Next library board meeting: Thursday, March 19th, 2026, 12:00pm.