Centralia Public Library
Meeting Minutes
January 8th, 2026

Trustees Present: President Linda Luke, Vice President Larry Dorman, Secretary Felicia Beckmann, Treasurer Melissa Maxwell, Suzanne Long & Amber Lucas
Trustees Absent: Katherine Butrum, Marilyn Middleton & Kristin Adams-Vargas

Others in Attendance: Director Amy Hopkins

President Luke called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Public Comments: none.

City Information Report: none.

Minutes: December minutes were reviewed. A quorum of the Board of Trustees was not present to approve them; therefore, they will be approved at the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The December Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Trustee Dorman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Trustee Beckmann seconded. All in favor, report approved.

Old Business:

- **Bank of Missouri CD** - matured on Jan. 4th. No action needed, the bank will do this automatically unless the BOT decides not to renew. BOT were in agreement to keep this CD for another year.

New Business:

- **Policy committee:** Felicia and Melissa volunteered. Amy will reach out to absent BOT members to see if anyone else is interested in joining this committee. Will meet virtually before the February BOT meeting.
- **Budget committee:** Melissa (Treasurer), Linda (President), and Larry (Vice President) have all volunteered to serve on this committee. Amy will reach out to absent BOT members to see if anyone else is interested. First meeting will occur on **Monday, Jan. 26th at 11 a.m.**

Director's Report:

- **Grant Updates:**
    - **MEC grant pt.2 -** Sadiqa and Amy are going to be meeting virtually with Equinox staff each Wednesday afternoon starting in March. On-site staff training will occur in mid-April and our projected **"Go Live" date is May 28th!**
    - **SRP grant -** We should hear about our award any day now. BOT will be notified once the announcement is made.
- **Upcoming Events:**

    - **January 27th - Murder Mystery** event starting at 6:30 pm @ Holy Spirit multipurpose room. Drinks will be provided. A MACAA $500 grant is paying for the KC Mystery players to perform at this free community event.
    - Saturday, Feb. 7th - **Self-care Book Fair**, 18+ FOL fundraiser @ The Centralia Country Club from 2-5 pm. Tickets are on sale at the front desk of the Library.

- **Director's report:**
    - **Circulation:** The library newsletter continues to perform well. Most categories were down for December with the exception of children's books, Adult nonfiction & Computer usage.
    - The Director's husband is having surgery on Feb. 2nd, so she will be working from home for several days during that week.
    - Two new services were highlighted.
        - Kanopy is a library streaming service that will be available starting on Feb. 1st. The library will start with 2 packages: Family & Favorites for the first year. Circulation statistics will determine future package selections.
        - CloudLibrary will be replacing Boundless as our alternative eMaterials source. We still have Overdrive (Libby app). It is currently live.
    - Community events: Trivia Night on Jan. 24th at Good Shepherd Lutheran. The Friends group is wanting to have a table at this event if board members or staff are interested. Women's Clothing Swap will also be at Good Shepherd on Feb. 27th & 28th. The library will be a drop off location for clothing & accessories starting on Feb. 2nd.

President's Report: none.

Closed Session: N/A

President Luke called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Trustee Dorman made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Lucas seconded, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be at the Centralia Public Library on Thursday February 12th at 6:15 pm.

Submitted by: Secretary - Felicia Beckmann