Centralia Public Library
Meeting Minutes
July 9th, 2026

Trustees Present: President Linda Luke, Secretary Felicia Beckmann, Treasurer Melissa Maxwell, V. President Katherine Butrum, Marilyn Middleton, Suzanne Long, and Mariah Littrell
Trustees Absent: Kristin Adams-Vargas & Amber Lucas

Others in Attendance: Director Amy Hopkins and James Smith, Centralia Fireside Guard

President Luke called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Public Comments: James was here to get a photo of the board for the paper.

City Information Report: none.

Minutes: May meeting minutes were reviewed. Trustee Butrum made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Middleton, all in favor, minutes were approved.
There was no June meeting due to storms, we were unable to find an acceptable alternate date so the meeting was canceled.

Treasurer's Report: The May Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed. Spending is on track, with 85% of funds remaining in the budget. Trustee Beckmann made a motion to approve the May Treasurer's report and Trustee Littrell seconded. All in favor, report approved.

The June Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed. Spending is on track, with 78% of funds remaining in the budget. Trustee Littrell made a motion to approve the June Treasurer's report and Trustee Beckmann seconded. All in favor, report approved.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

Election of Board of Trustees Officers: Trustee Middleton moved to reinstate the current slate of officers for an additional one-year term. Trustee Littrell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The officers for the coming year are:

- **President:** Linda Luke
- **Vice President:** Katherine Butrum
- **Secretary:** Felicia Beckmann
- **Treasurer:** Melissa Maxwell

Director's Report:

- **Circulation highlights:**
    - SRP signups for this year are up over 500. Most that we have had in recent history.
    - Website views & Newsletter numbers are both increasing. Resource sharing in June has increased 339% over last year. This is a direct result of the MEC migration.
    - Program numbers for the Mad Science event (52) and Threads club (27) were great!
    - Grant-funded Do-Art program at CR-6 was a success with 347 in attendance.
    - 42 new patrons in the month of June
    - 2 FOL volunteers helped with summer school groups, Katy Thall (2nd grade & Kindergarten) and Hannah Degreave (1st grade).

- **Director's to-do list:**
    - Finalize remaining SRP event plans.
    - SRP & MEC final grant reports are due before Sept. 15th.
    - Purchase the balance of CDs for reserve funds.
    - MEC workflows and report details, including figuring out circulation categories that are different from Destiny.
    - Preparing for the full audit in September.

- **SRP and upcoming special events:**

    - Modern Dinosaurs Story time, Tuesday, July 21st at 10 am. Partnership with the Missouri River Bird Observatory. This event is for all ages, with an emphasis on children 3-6 yrs.
    - Show-Me Dinosaurs & Marietta Caricatures (SRP blow-out party) - Saturday, July 25th. Will be indoors this year, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran church from 11 am - 1 pm.
    - Author event - Sarah Brunsvold will be here on Saturday, Oct. 24th at 1 pm., to discuss & sign her latest book and talk about her writing journey.

President's Report: none.

Closed Session: none.

President Luke called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. Trustee Littrell made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Butrum seconded, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be at the Centralia Public Library on Thursday August 13th at 6:15 pm.

Submitted by: Secretary - Felicia Beckmann