

The September 9, 2026 meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Members present were Lora Allen, Lynda Lowe, Tracy Martorana, and Mary Young. Also present was Betsy Halvorsen.

Public Comment: Molly Eadie spoke with the Board about her desire to get a Friends of the Library group started again for the Library.

Executive Session: No executive session.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 12, 2026 meeting were approved on a motion by Tracy Martorana, seconded by Lora Allen, and carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Attached.

Approval of Bills: Bills for September, totaling \$22,450.46 were approved on a motion Lora Allen, seconded by Michael Iten, and carried unanimously.

Director's Report: Attached.

Old Business:

- **Facilities/Construction:** Betsy Halvorsen shared the school cleaning staff left the back door unlocked and the lights on, Friday morning 9/4. The library was scheduled to be closed 9/4 and 9/5 for a water shutdown for construction to tie in the new sewer pipes. Between Friday and Saturday approximately 20 people came into the library, with some patrons leaving notes and taking materials. The construction workers were here on Friday but only came through the front entrance. Betsy has shared information about the incident with the school district and showed Merritt Holly the video of the cleaner. Luckily a patron realized something might not be right and called the police Saturday afternoon and Sara was able to come down and lock the doors after the police made sure the building was clear. The water shutdown ended up not happening as the construction crew had the wrong size pipe.
- **Cole Adams Follow-up:** Betsy should have information from Cole's office prior to the October board meeting.

New Business:

- **Summer Reading Stats:** Betsy shared a breakdown of Summer Reading participation, program numbers and attendance. Considering the disruption from construction, it was still a very strong summer for programs, though circulation significantly dropped off once the children's room closed.

Other

- **Insurance:** Betsy shared the updated insurance premium costs with the Board. The cost for insuring materials went up almost 51%. Everything else also went up but at a lower rate.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm on a motion by Lynda Lowe.