



**MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ST. CHARLES PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
MAY 14, 2025**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the St. Charles Public Library District was held Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at the Library. Present: President Robert T. Gephart, Vice President/Secretary Mary Kruse, Treasurer Michael J. Hill, Trustees Claudia Frost, Bonnie J. Dauer and Allison Lanthrum, Director Kate Buckson, and Administrative Assistant Virginia Tsipas. Absent: Trustee Shane Hampton.

Library staff present: Nick Chaney, Anna Johanson, Amanda Kaiser, Jasmina Lapo, Megan Meidel, Mary Merritt, Junior Renteria, Pam Salomone, Kelly Stulgate,

I. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Gephart called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL, RECORDING TRUSTEES PRESENT AND ABSENT

Trustee Gephart confirmed there was a quorum present through roll call.

III. WELCOME OF GUESTS

Trustee Gephart welcomed staff and guests and read the Mission Statement.

IV. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

V. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, April 9, 2025

IIIT Investment Report: April 2025

Lauterbach & Amen, Monthly Financial Report: April 2025

Check Register, Payroll: April 2025

Motion by Trustee Frost, second by Trustee Lanthrum, to approve the Consent Agenda. Carried unanimously.

VI. TRUSTEE RECOGNITION: TRUSTEES GEPHART AND HAMPTON

Ms. Buckson thanked Trustee Gephart for his eight years of service to the Library and for all he has done for the community. Trustee Gephart said it was an honor to serve, and he thanked everyone for their support.

VII. LIBRARY STAFF REPORT, APRIL 2025

Motion by Trustee Hill, second by Trustee Lanthrum, to accept the Library Staff Report. Carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Group (Hill)

Foundation (Dauer)

Motion by Trustee Kruse, second by Trustee Frost, to accept the Committee Reports. Trustee Dauer stated the Foundation is having a fundraiser on June 11 at Alter Brewing. Carried unanimously.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS – ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

X. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Hill traveled to Ireland and visited four different libraries, one being the national library for archives and spoke with library staff about their funding.

Trustees Kruse, Frost and Dauer thanked Trustee Gephart for his tremendous leadership and said he will be sorely missed.

Trustees Frost and Lanthrum commented that the terrace garden mural is beautiful. Trustee Frost attended the volunteer luncheon and said it was lovely. Trustee Lanthrum thanked Youth Services for the Dia event. She said the department open houses sound like a great success for staff to learn about functions in each department.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

69. DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION: SUMMER READING, YOUTH SERVICES AND ADULT SERVICES

Youth Services Reader Services Librarian Megan Meidel, Adult Services Reader Services Librarian Nick Chaney and Adult Services Young Adult Librarian Anna Johanson spoke about the Summer Reading program. A kick-off party is scheduled for June 7, from 1:00-4:00 pm.

Participants of all ages will track their progress through minutes read. Prizes will be awarded for every 500 and 1,000 minutes read. Participants will receive raffle tickets for a grand prize for each age group. There will be a family prize chosen from the pool of all adults and children in a family. Participation for all ages continues to increase each year.

Trustee Gephart asked what the Board could do for summer reading. Mr. Chaney asked everyone to spread the word about summer reading. Ms. Meidel said this year it was financially strenuous to provide incentives to keep the readers involved.

Ms. Buckson said more volunteers are needed for the Summer Reading kick-off party and encouraged the Trustees to volunteer. Friends of the Library fund the kick-off party. Approximately 1,500 people attended the kick-off party last year.

70. SCHEDULE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for July 30, 2025, October 1, 2025, and January 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

71. PUBLIC COMMENTS – ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Hill, second by Trustee Frost, to adjourn at 7:31 pm. Carried unanimously.



Bonnie J. Dauer
Secretary, Board of Trustees