

June 10, 2025
SOMONAUK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

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The regular meeting was called to order by President Roberta Mickelson @ 4:05 P.M.

In attendance were: Marilyn Abbott, Chris Gresk, Tom Harmon, Paula Moore, Gina Skofich and Library Director Julie Harte Fischer

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

No members of the public were present.

Greg Sotiris (VP Investment Services) and Ben Carney (Institutional Investment Specialist) from PMA Financial Network presented on PMA's services and capabilities, along with a review of the Library's current holdings with PMA. Mr. Carney reminded the Board that a CD is due on 20Jun2025 and he will send Director Harte-Fischer current rates and terms to review. Harte-Fischer will poll the Board members by eMail to reach consensus on renewal term and rate.

Draft minutes from May 13, 2025 meeting were reviewed and motion to accept was made by Harmon, seconded by Abbott and passed unanimously. Final minutes will be posted on library website by Harte Fischer.

Correspondence:

Pizzo Landscaping report on grounds status was distributed for review by the Board.

Treasurer Update:

Budget update and bills paid were provided by Treasurer Skofich. Expenditures for the month were in line with projections. Harmon motioned for bills to be paid as presented, seconded by Gresk and approved unanimously. Gresk and Harmon reviewed and initialed paper copies of the monthly bills listing.

Treasurer Skofich and Director Harte-Fischer are working on the draft budget for FY 2025/6. It was noted that with changes occurring to state and federal funding, the status of grants usually applied for is in question and need to be accounted for in the planning. Draft budget will be available for the Board to review at the July Board meeting.

Librarian's Report:

Receipts/Updates:

May circulation declined to 5034 items

27 New patron

Fines/Book Replacement: \$0.00

Donations: \$22.00

Fax/Copy Revenue: \$293.20

Total: \$315.20

Programs:

June 17, 2025: Steve Goodwin will present Introduction to Google Tools

June 18, 2025: Leslie Goddard will do Lucille Ball presentation

June 24, 2024: Barry Cloyd Singer, Songwriter & Historian Presents: Common Threads, The Passion of the 70's Songwriters

Recurring book clubs continue to meet all month

Summer Reading Kick-Off on June 5, 2025 was a huge success.

Friend of Library:

Next Friends of the Library meeting is set for June 26, 2025 @ 4:00 PM. Next sale/fund raising event tentatively planned for September 26/25, pending library events scheduling conflicts

Library Building:

Director Harte-Fischer has contacted Aero Electrical, out of Maple Park, to investigate issues seen with library's lighting system.

Old Business:

New Sign Update: Following a delay for updating the electricians insurance certification and submission of a 3rd copy of the plat survey, ground breaking is expected to happen in July 2025.

Library Policy Updating: The Board agreed to review and approve the final versions of both the Library Policy Manual and the Employee Handbook at the July meeting

Siding Repair: Job is almost completed, with just final touch-up activities left to do.

New Business:

Election of Board Officers: Harmon proposed the 2025/6 officers remain the same: President Mickelson, VP Abbott, Treasurer Skofich and Secretary Gresk. Moore seconded the motion and it was unanimously agreed to by the Board.

Board Meeting Schedule for 2025/6: Director Harte-Fischer provide copies of Resolution 01-2025, detailing the proposed schedule of Board meeting dates and scheduling guidelines/requirements for the Board's Review. Skofich motioned to accept, Harmon seconded. Roll Call vote as held: Harmon/yes, Gresk/yes, Abbott/yes, Skofich/yes, Moore/yes and Mickelson/yes. Trustee Westbrook was not present. Motrin carried. Approved resolution was signed by President Mickelson and Secretary Gresk and returned to Director Harte-Fisher.

Executive Session: No items for discussion

Meeting Adjourned 5:25 P.M.

Submitted by Christopher Gresk, Board Secretary