



**WATERLOO PUBLIC LIBRARY—Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes—February 13, 2025—12:00 PM—Conference Room**  
**Submitted by Bethany Nelson**

Members present: Cindy Wells (on Zoom), Larry Bjortomt, Lynn LaGrone  
Members absent: Emily Hanson, John Berry  
Others present: David Eckert, Becky Miller, Jillian Rutledge, Amy Rousselow, Bethany Nelson, Denise  
Council Liaisons: Dave Boesen

- I. **Call to Order**—the regular meeting of the Waterloo Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Cindy Wells at 12:02 PM.
- II. **Approve Agenda**—*Motion by Lynn LaGrone, second by Larry Bjortomt to approve the agenda as presented.* Motion carried.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**—*Motion by Larry Bjortomt, second by Lynn LaGrone to approve the January 16, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.* Motion carried.
- IV. **Financials**
  - A. Updates—David reported nothing unexpected and clarified two line overages.
  - B. *Motion by Larry Bjortomt, second by Lynn LaGrone to approve payment for the January 2025 regular and gift bills as presented.* Motion carried.
- V. **Statistical/Usage Report**—Lynn asked about the increase in items and titles withdrawn. David and Becky explained this was due to a big month for weeding the collection. David noted that an increased door count has helped bring up other numbers.
- VI. **Director's Report**
  - A. Informational Updates
    1. FY26 Budget Update—David reported that the City is still looking to cut money, but not as much as the \$2.3 million initially thought. He was unable to attend the most recent City Council meeting due to illness. Dave Boesen said it was largely an informational presentation on City funding. David will be at the March 3 meeting. David just heard today that the library will not get a new public elevator through our CIP request, but it will be able to move forward through building maintenance. Amy provided an update on the library's pursuit of grants and the youth wishlist campaign.
  - B. Collective Department Report—included in the packet. David added that Lori was able to attend Library Advocacy Day in Des Moines on his behalf.
  - C. Referred for Board Action
    1. Travel—*No action needed.*

VII. **Unfinished Business**

A. Advocacy Update (Cindy Wells)—Cindy reported that she is still working with Every Library. There have been two bills brought forth, HF196 and HF294, that would make positive levy changes, but HF196 has seen no action, and HF294 does not cover museums and contains a scheduled sunset. The Council could also remove it at any time. The lobbyists don't think HF294 will pass, but Sweeney and Brown-Powers are starting to work with Rinker, the Representative who introduced it.

B. L/M Communication

1. January 16, 2025 Minutes were included in the packet. No questions raised.

VIII. **New Business**

A. None.

IX. **Next Meeting Date**—March 13, 2025 at Noon.

X. **Adjournment**—*Motion by Lynn LaGrone, second by Larry Bjortomt.* Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM.