

BREESE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

Secretary's Report - 02/10/26, revised 03/10/26

The meeting was called to order at 7:59 p.m. by President Angie Becker.

Trustees present: Angie Becker, Gwen Fischer, Bonnie Holzinger, Judy Kampwerth, Allison Netemeyer, Angela Richter, Brandon Richter, and Cyndi Riley.

Trustees absent: Jamie Fields

Also attending: Jenna Astroth, Library Director

Secretary's Report: A quorum was established. Angela Richter made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report and it was seconded by Allison Netemeyer. The motion was approved with all ayes.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie Holzinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Gwen Fischer seconded it. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

- A. Mobile Home Property Tax distribution check was received on 01/30/26 - \$73.32

Librarian's Report:

A. Library Events Updates:

- January 16th - ASA class visit
- January 21st - Book Club - 8 in attendance
- January 30th - Groundhog Day Storytime - 14 in attendance

Library Upcoming Programs:

- February 25th at 6:30 p.m. - Teen Anime Club
- March 2nd at 6:00 p.m. - Adult DIY Spring Doormat Decorating
- April 20th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. - National Library Week Ice Cream Social
- April 27th at 6:30 p.m. - "From Auschwitz to Liberation" speaker
- June 10th & 11th - YMCA Library tours
- June 24th - U of I Monarch butterfly presentation
- Thursdays in July - Summer Reading program - Unearth a Story

B. Part-Time Position:

- Jenna reported that Joan Grams was hired as a part-time employee to replace Meagan Holthaus who resigned in January. Joan's first day was February 3rd.

Unfinished Business: Outdoor Benches

- Allison asked if we had an update on when the concrete pads will be poured for the two outdoor benches that were purchased with donations in memory of Jim Sprengel and

Yvonne Ratermann. Angie will check with the city to see if we can get an estimated timeframe.

New Business:

A. Employee Health Insurance Premiums

At 9:03 p.m. Cyndi Riley made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss employee health insurance premiums. Bonnie Holzinger seconded the motion. The board had a lengthy discussion on the significant increase in health insurance premiums for the full time employees. Angie Becker made a motion to leave the Closed Session at 9:39 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Cyndi Riley.

The Board reconvened in open session and Angie Becker made a motion to follow the City's guidelines and have the full-time library employees have the same insurance deduction as the City employees. The employee's insurance deductions will be effective with the first payroll in March 2026. Cyndi Riley seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all on a roll call vote.

Allison Netemeyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. and it was seconded by Judy Kampwerth.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

Angie Becker-President

Gwen Fischer, Secretary