

Greenwood Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
310 S. Meridian, Greenwood, IN 46143
May 13, 2025, 6:00pm

Members attending in person: Lori Feller, Nate Ellis, Josh Jackson, Carmen Madsen, David Penoff, Shan Rutherford

Members attending electronically: Tamara Russell by conference phone

Members absent: None

Other attendees: Cheryl Dobbs, Lynn Johnson, Donna Ciriello, Linda Messick, Emily Ellis, Karen Jewell, Julia Reynolds, Anna Roberts, Susan Jerger

Attending electronically: None

Unavailable: Kevin Hoover

Call to Order: Lori Feller called the May 2025 meeting of the Greenwood Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Josh Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Shan Rutherford conducted the invocation.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed.

Josh Jackson moved to approve the minutes, Nate Ellis seconded, and the minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Board Correspondence:

Cheryl Dobbs confirmed the completion of the SBA audit. Findings were clear with no comments. The report is not yet on line.

FINANCE

Finance Committee Report:

Tamara Russell reported that the Finance Committee met on May 8, 2025.

Lynn Johnson confirmed that all funds are in balance at all the banks.

Carmen Madsen signed off on all bank balances.

Susan Jerger will be taking over Lynn Johnson's role and has starting training. Lynn will be leaving in three weeks.

Cheryl reported a successful hearing with the Greenwood City Council on May 5 regarding the bond proposal. The next hearing will be held in 2 weeks.

Review of Accounts Payable and Treasurer's Report

Carmen Madsen noted that all liabilities have been recognized, checks have been written and signed, and payments will be made on time.

Carmen asked for further clarification on voucher #388, \$2000 for Jim Gill Inc. Lynn Johnson responded that it is a 50% downpayment on a family concert event. The second payment will be due in September. This will be charged to the Gift Fund.

Carmen Madsen moved to approve, Shan Rutherford seconded, and the Treasurer's Report was approved by signature.

NEW BUSINESS None

MONTHLY REPORTS

Attorney's Update: None

Executive Director's Report:

Cheryl Dobbs shared that the public hearing for the bond was approved and unanimously supported. The City Council understood it is a replacement bond. The next hearing will take place May 19.

Cheryl instituted a hiring freeze and reduced budget spending to preserve cash for future months. She also spent time fine tuning bond priorities with Baker Tilley, Ice Miller, and Mike Reuter.

Funding advocacy activities continued with supportive attendance by GPL staff and friends at the statehouse on April 14th, authoring articles for the Daily Journal, and organizing an education campaign on how libraries are funded.

Assistant Director's Report:

Emily Ellis contributed to the advocacy activities listed above as well as authored an article for the Daily Journal. She prepped outreach activities for the summer, and ordered, organized, and built The Nook, "a beautiful, new, cozy programming space with lots of potential."

Highlights from Department Reports:

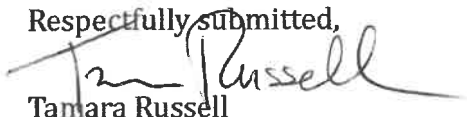
Advocacy efforts were contributed to by all departments including attendance at the statehouse and creation of educational materials. The Studio created materials and prizes for the summer reading program. Kids hosted a Stuffie Sleepover and introduced Tonies to their collection.

Other Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Lori Feller adjourned the meeting at 6:39p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Tamara Russell

Secretary