

**Franklin Grove Public Library
Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 13th, 2026 at 6pm**

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Attendance - Trustees: Annie Etchison, Patti Forrester, Julie Grendahl, Marla Shaner, Marilyn Spangler, Christina Wilcox

Director: Amy Runkle

Absent: Ruth Newcomer

Recognition of Visitors: N/A

Approval of December Minutes 2025: Motion presented by Julie Grendahl to approve the December minutes. Marla Shaner seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for December Audit: Motion presented by Marilyn Spangler to send the Treasurer's Report for audit. Seconded by Annie Etchison. Roll Call Vote. Yes = 6, No = 0.

Ratify Bills and Payments for December: Motion presented by Marla Shaner to approve the bills and payments for December. Seconded by Annie Etchison. Roll Call Vote. Yes = 6, No = 0.

Director's Report: Christmas Walk was very busy and the library tried out karaoke this year which was well received. The gingerbread house contest had many participants Julie offered a sewing class and story time and a craft. Tai Chi sessions are over but hoping to bring it back in the spring. K9 Reading Buddies, Yoga, and Game Night continues with participants each week.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Winifred Knox Sculpture: Amy Runkle presented details on additional proposed work to the ground around the statue. The library board is in agreement that the project is complete.

New Business:

- A. Amendment of Executive Session Minutes: Motion presented by Julie Grendahl to amend the December 4th, 2007 Executive Session Minutes. Seconded by Marla Shaner. Motion carried.

Motion presented by Marilyn Spangler to approve the amended Executive Session Minutes from December 4th, 2007, to release the minutes to the public. Seconded by Annie Etchison. Motion carried.

Julie Grendahl motioned to amend the July 3rd, 2007, Executive Session Minutes. Seconded by Marla Shaner. Motion carried.

Christina Wilcox motioned to approve the amended Executive Session Minutes from July 3rd, 2007, to release to the public. Seconded by Marilyn Spangler. Motion carried.

- B. Property Taxes: Library is waiting for distribution checks from the Village of Franklin Grove.
- C. Personnel Policy Change: Personnel Policy Committee recommends increasing the maximum pay rate for the Custodial Position to \$22/hr. Roll Call Vote. Yes = 6, No = 0.
- D. Personnel Wages: Motion presented by Julie Grendahl to give a 3% pay raise to all staff, effective January 1st, 2026. Seconded by Marla Shaner. Roll Call Vote. Yes = 6, No = 0.
- E. Furnace Repair: Motion presented by Julie Grendahl to approve the Loescher bill to fix the furnace. Seconded by Christina Wilcox. Roll Call Vote. Yes = 6, No = 0.
- F. Meeting Room Policy: Policy Committee will meet to discuss Meeting Room Policy rates.

Miscellaneous Business:

N/A

Executive Session:

Executive Session pursuant to 5Lc120-2.

Motion presented by Annie Etchison to adjourn the January meeting at 7:02pm. Marla Shaner seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 13th, at 6:00pm.

Finance Committee - Julie Grendahl, Ruth Newcomer
Personnel Committee - Marla Shaner, Christina Wilcox, Julie Grendahl
Building & Maintenance - Ruth Newcomer, Annie Etchison, Marilyn Spangler
Policy Committee - Marla Shaner, Julie Grendahl, Christina Wilcox

Ad Hoc Committee (Long Range Library Plan) - Marilyn Spangler, Annie Etchison