

Chariton Free Public Library July 10, 2025

The Chariton Free Public Library Board held its regular monthly meeting in the boardroom on July 10, 2025 pursuant to notice given under the Iowa Open Meetings law. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees Bisgard, Fenton, Meyer, Pillsbury-Allen, Seufferer and Sharp were present. Director Murphy and Councilman Shutt were also present. Fenton was welcomed on her return to the Board.

The Agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion from Meyer, seconded by Pillsbury-Allen.

Public Forum: None

Consent Agenda: Bisgard moved and Sharp seconded for unanimous approval of the Consent Agenda after moving the Financial Statements to its future location as an agenda item.

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Correspondence – none

Grants – Vredenburg Grant Report (C&D Masonry exterior building cleaning and repairs)

The **May 2025 Financial Statements** were reviewed. Bisgard moved their acceptance, Meyer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The **July 2025 Claims** were unanimously approved on a motion from Meyer, seconded by Pillsbury-Allen.

Unfinished Business

Murphy created a slide show for the Strategic Plan presentation scheduled for July 15, 2025 from 5:30 to 6:30. She will add it to the Library website. Focus group participants have been invited to attend and notice of the event has been published in the local newspaper.

Pillsbury-Allen moved to table discussion of the Community-Led Programming initiative until the Community Relations Committee has time to review it at their next meeting. Sharp seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Meyer spoke with Lucas County Genealogical Society member Melody Wilson as to why the 2022 agreement between the Society and the Library Board had not been signed. The 2015 agreement is still binding and most stipulations in the 2022 document are being followed. The 2022 agreement will be revisited in January.

New Business

Pillsbury-Allen moved that the Building and Grounds Committee look into accepting bids to frame and drywall the southwest basement corner room, previously the book sale room, in order that the room might be put to use now while space assessment for future utilization continues. Meyer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Building & Grounds: Bisgard reported on the roof work currently underway. He is coordinating a site inspection with Wood Roofing and C&D Masonry both on hand to deal with a brick and mortar issue.

Community Relations: Pillsbury-Allen reported on a Next Playground gaming system secured as a donation by Crystal Elkins. It came with a year's free game subscription. We still need to determine how the game system might be utilized in the building.

Director's Report: (attached)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m. on a motion from Pillsbury-Allen, seconded by Fenton.

Kris Murphy, Library Director