

Chariton Free Public Library

March 12, 2026

The Chariton Free Public Library Board held its regular monthly meeting in the boardroom on March 12, 2026 pursuant to notice given under the Iowa Open Meetings law. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees Bisgard, Blake, Fenton, Fredericks, Hunkele, Meyer, Muehlenthaler and Pillsbury-Allen were present. Director Murphy was also present.

The Agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion from Hunkele, seconded by Meyer.

Public Forum: None

Meyer moved and Fenton seconded for unanimous approval of the **Consent Agenda**.

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Correspondence – Norma Jean Warner Trust Notification and Response
Thank You from Chariton Area Chamber Main Street for Dazzlefest book selection

Grants – none

The **January 2026 Financial Statements** were reviewed. Blake moved the statements be accepted and placed on file, Fredericks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The **March 2026 Claims** were unanimously approved on a motion from Fenton, seconded by Pillsbury-Allen.

Unfinished Business –

The updated strategic plan document was reviewed. There was some discussion after Murphy shared Sharp's communication that the students would not be able to take on the landscaping project we'd asked them to consider. The instructor felt the hardscaping was too big of a project. Landscaping firms were discussed.

Muehlenthaler reported that she'd visited with Genealogy Society members to ask them to select from their board members who could meet with her appointed taskforce to review of the Lucas County Genealogical Society Agreement. The meeting date is yet to be set.

New Business

The *Board Meeting Policy* was unanimously approved on a motion from Meyer, seconded by Fredericks.

The *Programming Policy* revision was unanimously approved on a motion from Blake, seconded by Hunkele.

The *Circulation Policy* revision was unanimously approved on a motion from Pillsbury-Allen, seconded by Blake.

Meyer moved to adopt the *Library of Things Policy* to replace the *Bin/Kit Lending Policy*. Hunkele seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Director Evaluation was reviewed. Murphy will submit her goals for the current year at the April meeting.

Reports

Building & Grounds: Will speak with landscaping contractors and meet to determine a recommendation. Requested Murphy secure a new proposal from Wood Roofing for this year's roof project.

Community Relations: Fredericks continues to liaise with groups on community led programming.

Finance & Policy: Financial Report and policy recommendations.

Director's Report: (attached)

Board Comments & Continuing Education: Muehlenthaler shared an invitation from the Genealogical Society to an open house celebrating their 50th anniversary on March 28th.

Agenda Items for March: Director Evaluation goals, Wood Roofing proposal

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m. on a motion from Fenton, seconded by Fredericks.

Kris Murphy, Library Director