



Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Caseyville Public Library District

October 8, 2025

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Mary Beth Reiniger, Jen Mauk, Chris Bell, Katie Ekstrom, Jackie Keck, Joann Reiniger, and Terri Riutcel. Dick Koblitz was excused.
3. Approval of Minutes (09/10/25): A motion was made by Jen Mauk and seconded by Katie Ekstrom to accept the minutes as written. All approved.
4. Public Forum:
 - a) Written Correspondence: No correspondence.
 - b) Audience input: No audience.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a) Community:
 - i) Friends of the Library: The next meeting will be held on November 13th at 6 p.m.
 - ii) The next Newsletter is pending at this time due to lack of funds for publication. This will be an annual publication, to be published in January. The status of the annual pledge letter is unknown at this time and the Dine & Donate Event is still in the planning stages.
 - b) Strategy – nothing to report. The tentative date for an updated strategic plan is still December 2025
 - c) Policy – A tentative date for an updated policy draft is still December 2025.
 - d) Finance: Jen Mauk made a motion to accept the September Treasurer's Report; Mary Beth Reiniger seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Director's Report:
 - a) Operation/Building Maintenance:

- i) There is another defective panel, this time on the west end of the building. This will be replaced in May or June of 2026.
- ii) Glass has been ordered to replace a cracked window in the vestibule (small crack). This should be taken care of mid-October.
- iii) A decision has been made to continue with our internet provider, Clearwave, in FY2026.
- b) Human Resources, Meetings, and Trainings: a Planning/Staff Day has been tentatively scheduled for November 21st.
- c) Upcoming Events, Projects, Grants:
 - i) The September Director's Report was reviewed.
 - ii) The October 2025 Newsletter was reviewed.
 - iii) Jackie will be attending the ILA Annual Conference October 13th – October 16th. Jackie is the chair of the ILA Fundraising Committee which will hold its first silent auction at the conference.
 - iv) Additional October events: Library Crawl (all month), Origami Night (10/9), Hallow-Teen (10/23), and Trick-or-Treating (10/30).
 - v) The library will be holding a Food Drive through December 1st; donations will benefit the Caseyville Food Pantry.
 - vi) The seed "library" has been replenished thanks to a donation from Rural King. The staff is currently working on a check-out "log" for the seeds.
 - vii) Photographer Stephen Kennedy will be taking photographs at the library on 10/29. He is documenting libraries in the 618 area code; which, in addition to Caseyville, will include O'Fallon, Millstadt, Glen Carbon, Troy, Highland, and Wood River (so far).

7. Old Business:

- a) Memorials:
 - Bob Stephen: Plaque with picture.
 - "Shades": Tree and plaque.

Jackie had an example of an 8 x 10 plaque for Bob Stephens but will price something smaller (5 x 7).

- b) The Budget & Appropriation Ordinance was missing a signature; this was taken care of.

c) Jackie has scheduled the Truth in Taxation Notice for October 31st in the St. Louis Post Dispatch. Jen has offered to be the first point of contact for any questions we may get regarding the tax increase.

8. New Business: Jen had a few offerings -

a) Jen knows someone who would be willing to speak about the ACA in the State of Illinois.

b) Jen knows someone who could provide wood cut-outs for upcoming events.

c) Jen's son recommends the book series, "A Court of Thorns and Roses" by Sarah J. Maas.

9. Upcoming Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment: Katie Ekstrom made a motion to adjourn our regular meeting at 6:42 p.m. Terri Riutcel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.