



ATTENDANCE:

Name	Attended	Name	Attended	Name	Attended
Maria Imp <i>President</i>	X	Michael Karolewicz <i>Secretary</i>	X	Alan Aleksandrowicz <i>Treasurer</i>	X
Annie Vitas-Oklobdzija <i>Vice-President</i>	X	Kelly Walker	X	Christopher Doll	X
Lauren Rosso	Excused	Amanda Pound School <i>District Representative</i>	X	Ald. Yousef Hasan <i>Aldermanic Representative</i>	X

Also Attended: Jennifer Loeffel, Library Director

Call to Order: President M. Imp called the Franklin Public Library Board meeting to order and performed roll call at 6:00p.m.

Visitors: None.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees, August 24, 2026: A. Aleksandrowicz motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Y. Hassan. A. Vitas-Oklobdzija and A. Pound abstained. Motion passed.

Finance Committee:

Approval of Vouchers and Invoices for Funds 15 and 16 -

Fund 15 - Motion to approve invoices in the amount of \$14,745.96 by A. Vitas-Oklobdzija; seconded by A. Pound. Motion passed.

Fund 16 - Motion to approve invoices in the amount of \$3,933.25 by Y. Hasan; seconded by A. Vitas-Oklobdzija. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report- A. Aleksandrowicz

The June report represents 66.58% of the year.

FUND 15

Total Revenue for Fund 15 is 99.88% of the budget. Total expenditures are 63.49% of the budget.

FUND 16

Total Revenue is 70.18% of the budget. Total expenditures are 57.69% of the budget.

Cash Register Report was perfect as expected.

Report of the Personnel Committee: A select group of the library staff was surveyed for their point-of-view of library operations. In general, staff feels they are part of something special. However, it's felt that more staff is needed to meet ongoing library operations.

New Business:

- a. **Discussion Regarding Strategies for 2027 Mayor's Recommended Budget:** City tax revenue support will be the same as in 2026. All hourly library employees will receive the anticipated city-wide 2% raise in pay in 2027.

Old Business:

- a. **Discussion Regarding Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee:** M. Karolewicz restated the pillars of the Strategic Plan and provided goals for the ad hoc committee. K. Walker, Y. Hasan and J. Loeffel will join Mike on the planning team for the January 2027 strategic planning retreat. Dates of planning meetings to be determined.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Update on Past or Upcoming Council Actions Relating to the Library: None.

Update on Franklin Public Schools Matters Relating to the Library: None.

Report of the President: None.

Report of the Library Director:

- a. **Monthly Activity of Library Director & Library:** Quotes were received for a preventative maintenance service agreement, with the quote from LEE Mechanical preferred. Jennifer is seeking patrons to sponsor trees to replace existing varieties. Moving budgeted capital improvements from Fund 15 to 16 would reduce the anticipated 2027 budget shortfall to \$14,000. Used shelving from the Beloit Public Library will be a good match for the Children's Area and save tens of thousands of dollars. Reducing less-circulating fiction and non-fiction books is being done to accommodate the Children's Area Redesign.
- b. **FPL @ a Glance Statistics Report:** Gate count and circulation both up over last year for the month.

Report of the Franklin Public Library Foundation: Fifty-three tickets were purchased and 48 people attended the September 24 Jane Hamilton literary event. The next event will be planned for a spring timeframe. An ad hoc fundraising committee was created, with a goal of raising \$450,000 for the Children's Area Redesign. A donation of \$1,000 was made for the purchase of more tools for the Tool Library.

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee: TBD
- c. Regular Library Board of Trustees Meeting: Monday, October 26, 2026 at 6pm in Sievert Conference Room.

Adjourn: A. Vitas-Oklobdzija made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm; M. Karolewicz seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Karolewicz, Library Board Secretary