

Galatia Public Library Board Meeting Minutes January, 2026

The Library Board Meeting was called to order by President, Therese Sisney at 11:04 a.m.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Dewey, Richey, Durham, Pluta, Plasterr and Sisney.

A motion was made by Plasterr and seconded by Dewey to approve the minutes from the Emergence December 2025 board meeting. All approved. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Richey to approve the November and December 25 budget report. All approved. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Director's Report for:

1. Trustee List and emails were discussed. The trustee list was corrected and updated as well as the committee list. The board was advised to create and use library gmail accounts for all future email correspondence.
2. Investment options were discussed. With the guidance provided by IHLS, the board is advised to explore Illinois Funds instead of CD's if possible. Treasurer Plasterr and the account will explore further.
3. The board was advised to adopt a new admendment to the signature policy so that timesheet signatures are authorized to replace payroll signatures on the check. This will allow payroll to be direct deposits for employees, while allowing the board to approve time. Dewey motioned to allow timesheet signatures and Pluta seconded. All approved and motion carried.
4. IPLAR, ILLNET, PLA, Certification, and Per-Capita Application have all been completed. The per-capita was discussed for each standard. As our library meets all core standards, a list of things to do to meet intermediate and advanced standards were discussed. The library will implement some security measures and disaster relief measures. Plasterr motioned to purchase a laptop with the Per-Capita funds and Dewey seconded. The laptop will enable the library to digitize the Genealogy collections, offer video-conferencing for patrons for in library use, and allow the library to create a virtual video presence.
5. Plasterr motioned to accept the resignation of Symantha Cudney as she is moving to Washington with her fiancé. Dewey seconded, and all approved. Motion carried. Plasterr then motioned for library staff to find and hire a new part time/subsitiute librarian. Dewey seconded, and all approved. Motion carried.
6. The Volunteer Policy rewrite was motioned by Plasterr to be tabled for this meeting. Dewey seconded and all approved. The motion carried and the Volunteer Policy will be on the agenda for February.

7. Plasterr motioned that the direct prepare a Thank You letter to Miss Cheryl Fulkerson for the Christmas tree she purchased for the library. Pluta seconded, and all approved. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Session: None

Announcements: None

Next Agenda:

Next Meeting Date: February 24, 2026 **TIME:** 4:00 pm **PLACE:** Galatia Public Library

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Plasterr and seconded by Pluta. All approved. Motion carried.