

## May 8, 2025 Chrisman Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Melody Gross, Rose Hollingsworth, Rick Jenness, Sherrie Lewis, Lori Mallory, Sarah Mills, Barb Oates, and Jamie Stokes

**Absent:** Dan Moore and Dana Pluger

**Staff Present:** Cheri Oates and Kara Ingram

**Public Present:** N/A

**Public Comments:** N/A

**A meeting was called to order by President Melody Gross at 7:00 p.m.**

Roll call for attendance. Eight board members were present and two were absent.

The Minutes from the April 10, 2025 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jamie, seconded by Rick. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the regular meeting minutes from April 10, 2025. The motion carried.

### **Bookkeeper’s Report for April 2025:**

Checking/General	\$ 2,279.22
Fundraising	<u>\$ 8,187.03</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$12,359.05
Tech Grant	\$ 3,120.38
Story Walk	\$ 3,874.41

A report was given by the board treasurer, Barb. She looked into what we are paying for internet and phone services. Right now we have Comcast as our internet/phone carrier. We pay \$189/month for internet/phone thru them. Conxxus, the new fiber optic company, is offering service starting at \$113/month for internet only but includes a router. If we want phone service also it would cost an additional \$30/month. We would also be locked in to a 48 month contract. The Budget Committee has also looked into different copiers/printers. The library is going to have to find ways to save money. The city said we must use up all of our money before they will pitch in with appropriations.

A motion to accept the Bookkeeper’s Report for April was made by Sherrie, seconded by Sarah. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the April Bookkeeper’s Report. The motion carried.

### **Librarian’s Report:**

- Statistics for April 2025: New items cataloged 139, items we loaned our patrons 434, items we loaned other libraries 297, internet user sessions 14, electronic books 17 & patrons inside the library 390.
- Since our last meeting, we’ve had two Story Times. On April 17, we did an Easter related story-time. We had 12 children and they made cheeseball carrots. Then on May 1, we had 13 children and they made May Baskets. The kids all had a fun time and left with their craft, treat and drink.
- The Great Puzzle Race was held April 24 with 17 people/5 teams and it was once again a lively bunch. This month the team of Barb Oates, Beth Lewsader and Connie Waggaman won with a time

of 26 minutes, 49 seconds! We're looking forward to the next puzzle race on May 29 and have six teams already signed up! We have realized that more than six teams make it very crowded in the back room so we are going to limit it to six teams each month moving forward.

- On May 7, the Chrisman Page Turners met with 17 members attending to discuss the book "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd", written by Agatha Christie. Barb "hosted" this event and had wonderful questions. As with any Agatha Christie, one is left puzzled as to who did it, until the very end! Our next meeting will be on June 4 and we'll be discussing "All Systems Red", written by Martha Wells and will be "hosted" by Liana Winsauer, aka Lon. She and her husband, Ron, own Yarn to Dye For here in Chrisman.
- The Story Walk has its fifth book in it -- "Grandma's Farm", written by Michael Garland. We will change it out for Father's Day with "Grandpa's Tractor", written by the same author. As have seen people walking along the Story Walk and it warms our hearts!
- Spring Fling Hanging Basket Sale and book sales went well! We didn't sell out of baskets as we have the last two years but there were only about 16 baskets we sent back to Flowers on Main. As of this writing, and IF Flowers on Main continues to do what they've done in the past, we will make \$1,110.00 on baskets. Plus, we were given donations totaling \$145.00. The book sale generated \$362.00 and we sold a book bag for the low price of \$10.00. If these amounts are correct, we will have made \$1627.00 during the Spring Fling fundraiser!

<b><u>Library Income for April:</u></b>		<b><u>Deposits for April:</u></b>	
Feed the Pig:	\$ 13.65	General	\$ 704.77
Copies:	\$ 12.00		
Library cards	\$ 27.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 704.77</b>
Faxes	\$ 1.00		
Donations	\$ 105.00		
Story Walk	\$ 20.00		
Flower Box	\$ 50.00		
PPRT	\$ 584.77		
Edgar Co Tax	\$ 421.57		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1234.99</b>		

Sarah motioned to accept the Librarian's Report. Rose seconded. All present board members voted "yes" to accept the Librarian's Report. The motion carried.

**New Business:**

\* Melody made the motion to change the meeting start times to 6:00 instead of 7:00. Sherrie seconded. All present board members voted "yes" to changing the meeting start times to 6:00 instead of 7:00. The motion carried.

Barb motioned to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Rick. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. All present board members voted "yes" to adjourning the meeting. The motion carried.