

July 10, 2025 Chrisman Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Melody Gross, Rose Hollingsworth, Rick Jenness, Lori Mallory, Sarah Mills, Dan Moore, and Barb Oates

Absent: Sherrie Lewis, Dana Pluger and Jamie Stokes

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 6:00 p.m.

Roll call for attendance. Seven board members were present and three were absent.

The Minutes from the June 12, 2025 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dan, seconded by Rose. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the regular meeting minutes from June 12, 2025. The motion carried.

Bookkeeper’s Report for June 2025:

Checking/General	\$ 3,894.31
Fundraising	\$ 4,704.03
TOTAL	\$ 8,598.34
Tech Grant	\$ 2,420.38
Story Walk	\$ 3,874.41

A report was given by the board treasurer, Barb. The fiber optic company, Conxxus, will be in to install equipment for our new internet on July 21st.

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

Librarian’s Report:

- Statistics for June 2025: New items cataloged 176, items we loaned our patrons 473, items we loaned other libraries 297, internet user sessions 10, electronic books 27 & patrons inside the library 453.
- Since the last Library Report, we’ve had two Story Times. On June 19, Kara and the parents walked over to the park and read the Story Walk book, “Grandpa’s Tractor” and came back to do ceramic painting with Christina Waltz. We did pay Christina \$60 for her materials and time. Nine children went home very happy with their painted creations. On July 3, we had 5 children and Kara read to them 4th of July books. They went into the back room where they made red, white and blue necklaces. The kids always seem to have a fun time and they leave with their craft, treat and drink.
- The Great Puzzle Race was held June 26 with 16 people/4 teams and it was once again a lively bunch. This month the team of Barb Oates, Beth Lewsader, Gloria Henry and Connie Waggaman won with a time of 27 minutes, 3 seconds! We’re looking forward to the next puzzle race on July 26 and have five teams already signed up!

- On July 2, the Chrisman Page Turners met with 12 members attending to discuss the book “Outlawed”, written by Anna North. Carrie “hosted” this event and had wonderful questions. Our next meeting will be on August 6 and we’ll be discussing “Ordinary Grace”, written by William Kent Krueger and will be “hosted” by Mary Rank.
- The Story Walk boards have been cleaned, thanks to Sherrie and her family! Thank you!! They look awesome! There was one board that was broken from its post and Jake graciously fixed it. We will need to pay better attention to the story boards so we may be able to pinpoint when damage is done and check the city cameras to perhaps find the culprit and contact our police.
- The Summer Reading Program is still going strong! We’ve had reading slips pouring in daily! And the K-3 readers have turned in the most, thus far, with 49 slips! The adults came in second with 35 slips and 4-12 readers have turned in 13 for a total of 97 books read since June 2. Still another month to go! We’ve given out numerous prizes and everyone is loving the look of “their” dots!

● **Library Income for June:**

Faxes:	\$ 1.00
Copies:	\$ 34.00
Library cards	\$ 81.00
Fines	\$ 8.00
Donations	\$ 68.00
Sales	\$ 22.00
Fundraiser	\$1,100.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,266.50

Deposits for June:

General	\$ 114.00
Fundraising	\$ 900.00
TOTAL	\$1,014.00

Melody motioned to accept the Librarian’s Report. Lori seconded. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the Librarian’s Report. The motion carried.

New Business:

* At the last meeting, the board voted to have the librarians take an extra day off each week. After speaking to the librarians, this was not working out. So after much discussion, the board decided to try closing the library one day each week which will be Wednesdays starting on July 23. Barb motioned to have the library close on Wednesday each week per review later on. Melody seconded. All present board members voted “yes” to closing the library on Wednesday each week. The motion carried.

*The board received two quotes on new copier/printer machines. One from Advanced Digital, who we currently use, and one from DTI Office Solutions. After looking over both quotes, DTI was the one we decided to go with. Dan made the motion to go with DTI for our copier/printer. Rose seconded. All present board members voted “yes” to go with DTI for our copier/printer. The motion carried.

*The board decided to increase the Non-resident fee from \$27 to \$30. Melody motioned to increase the Non-resident fee from \$27 to \$30. Barb seconded. All present board members voted “yes” to increase the Non-resident fee. The motion carried.

Dan motioned to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Barb. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. All present board members voted “yes” to adjourning the meeting. The motion carried.