

## September 11, 2025 Chrisman Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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

**Absent:** Melody Gross, Sarah Mills, 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 Secretary Lori Mallory at 6:00 p.m.**

Roll call for attendance. Six board members were present and four were absent.

The Minutes from the August 14, 2025 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jamie, seconded by Barb. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 14, 2025. The motion carried.

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

Checking/General	\$ 213.86
Fundraising	<u>\$ 7,604.03</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,817.89</b>
Tech Grant	\$ 1,060.67
Story Walk	\$ 3,874.41

Barb reported that we should have received our August bill from Comcast which should be the last one. It totaled \$168.20

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

### **Librarian’s Report:**

- Statistics for August 2025: New items cataloged 129, items we loaned our patrons 323, items we loaned other libraries 230, internet user sessions 5, electronic books 18 & patrons inside the library 320.
- Kara is out of the library for at least two months, possible longer, due to surgery! The library will need help while she is gone - putting away books, guest reading during story time, picture taker during events, etc.
- Story Time was August 21 and September 4, 2025. The children made pool noodle shooters in August and we had a small contest to see who could shoot their pompom the farthest! It was fun! We made apples on the 4<sup>th</sup>, red ones and yellow ones! The kids enjoyed it and enjoyed the apple pies, apples and apple juice as they left with their creations! The next Story Time is September 18 and we’ll need a guest reader!
- The Great Puzzle Race was held August 28 with 13 people/4 teams and it was once again a lively bunch. Once again, the team of Barb Oates, Beth Lewsader, Gloria Henry, Connie Waggamon, won

- with a time of 26:00.25! We're looking forward to the next puzzle race on September 25 and then we will have the Championship Race on October 30 where all the winning teams since January will compete against each other putting together a 500 piece puzzle.
- On September 1, the Chrisman Page Turners met with 18 members attending to discuss the book "The Midnight Library", written by Matt Haig. Rachel "hosted" this event, the discussion was deep and lively and she had wonderful questions that made us think. Our next meeting will be on October 1 and we'll be discussing "The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife", written by Anna Johnson and will be "hosted" by Donna Malone.
- The Story Walk board plaques have been placed, thanks to Donna and Mary! ONP in Paris was able to get them done before Chrisman Days! We ordered 44 plaques, 43 of which we collected money. The cost of the plaques was \$264.00. Giving us a profit of \$4,036.00!
- Kara and I took our Narcan training on Monday from Nicki Hanks and her assistant, Jessica, who are with Hour House Recovery based out of Mattoon. It was very informative and we are both pretty confident that we could administer Narcan nasal spray to someone, if needed.
- Chrisman Days Book Sale was a huge success! We made \$1, 189.43 in books, \$204.00 in 50/50, and \$40.00 in cookbooks for a total of \$1,443.43. Thank you to all who helped!

● **Library Income for August:**

Per Capita Grant:	\$1,935.20
Copies:	\$ 7.25
Library cards	\$ 30.00
Fines	\$ 25.50
Donations - Don Staples	\$ 185.00
Donations	\$ 52.50
Sales	\$ 11.00
Fundraiser - plaques	\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,546.45</b>

**Deposits for August:**

General	\$ 2,075.20
Fundraising	\$ 900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,975.20</b>

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

**New Business:**

\* Fundraising - the board may need to look into other kinds of fundraisers to raise money to help with the wages. Now that the holidays are approaching, the board could look into doing a fundraiser such as selling poinsettia or wreaths. We could get a hold of Brinkley's or Flowers on Main.

\*Lori reported on the progress of the haunted house, Scare on the Square. Opening night will be October 17<sup>th</sup>. Other dates will be Oct 18, 24, 25 & 31. There will be a sign-up sheet at next month's meeting for anyone who would like to take ticket money and watch the line downstairs.

\*Board member, Dana Pluger, submitted her letter of resignation from the board. Lori read her letter to the other board members. Barb made the motion to regretfully accept Dana's resignation. Lori seconded. All present board members voted "yes" to accepting Dana's resignation. The motion passed.

Lori motioned to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Rose. Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m. All present board members voted "yes" to adjourning the meeting. The motion carried.