

December 11, 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, Danny Owen, and Jamie Stokes

Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Cheri Oates

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. Nine board members were present and none were absent.

Melody was called into the city office for a meeting and was told everything is going back to the way it was. Kara was on speaker phone during this meeting and she will be working out the details with Kristi.

The Minutes from the November 13, 2025 regular meeting and the December 4, 2025 special meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rose, seconded by Sherrie. All present board members voted “yes” to accept the regular meeting minutes from November 13, 2025 and the special meeting minutes from December 4, 2025. The motion carried.

Bookkeeper’s Report for November 2025:

Checking/General	\$15,929.88
Fundraising	\$ 7,190.46
TOTAL	\$23,120.34
Tech Grant	\$ 1,060.67
Story Walk	\$ 3,874.41

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

Librarian’s Report:

- Statistics for November 2025: New items cataloged 62, items we loaned our patrons 264, items we loaned other libraries 168, internet user sessions 5, electronic books 20 & patrons inside the library 227.
- Story Time was November 20 and our guest reader was Miss Hannah, who teaches 1st grade. She entertained 10 children with the books “The Thanksgiving Story”, written by Alice Dalgliesh and “A Turkey for Thanksgiving”, written by Eve Bunting. The children made stand-up turkeys that could be used as a napkin holder or centerpiece! All had fun and discussed how they would spend the Thanksgiving holiday. Nicole Cox, the principal at JH/HS, read for 9 children the books “Santa Knows”, written by Cynthia & Greg Leitich Smith and “The Reindeer Christmas”, written by Moe Price and illustrated beautifully by Atsuko Morozumi. The children were excited to create their own

reindeer, using their hands as antlers. Our next Story Time is December 18 and our guest reader is Darren Loschen, Superintendent of schools.

- Sixteen Christmas Page Turners celebrated book club at the TreeHive in Brocton, and discussed “Winter Street” by Elin Hilderbrand. There was also a cookie exchange and there were snacks aplenty with lively discussion, a trivia contest on last year’s book club books (the winner was Katie Rogers and the prize was, of course, a book!), and a compilation of the members five favorite books from the last year and it was very interesting! If you see Donna Malone, thank her for the trivia questions and Mary Rank for the compiling of our favorite reads!
- Thank you to all who helped bring down the decorations and decorate the library, making it feel festive and cozy. We appreciate you all!
- Merry Christmas! Enjoy your time with family and friends and making memories!

Library Income for November:

Feed the Pig:	\$ 59.51
Copies:	\$ 14.50
Library cards	\$ 60.00
Donations	\$ 10.00
Fines	\$ 17.40
TOTAL	\$ 161.41

Deposits for November:

General	\$ 227.86
Fundraising	\$ <u>722.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,049.86

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

New Business:

* Story Time Stuffed Animals - Melody motioned to reimburse Cheri for the Story Time Stuffed Animals out of the fundraising account. Rick seconded. All present board members voted “yes” to reimburse Cheri for the stuffed animals.

*Everyone received an instruction sheet on how to sign-up for the Open Meetings Act training. All board members will need to complete this training and give a copy of their certificate of completion to the city office and the library to keep on record.

*Each board member turned in their section(s) of the IL Public Library Standards to Cheri so she can finish her report.

*Mayor Dan Moore gave us his letter of resignation from the board as the city representative and Danny Owen will be the new city representative on the board.

Sherrie motioned to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Barb. Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m. All present board members voted “yes” to adjourning the meeting. The motion carried.