

**Minutes of the Waupun Public Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

The Waupun Public Library Board was called to order by Dr. Bev Martens, President, at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Present were Beer, DeJager, Gehl, Hill, Homan, Mielke, Svec, Jaeger, and Garcia.

Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion by Svec, second Homan, to accept the June minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Persons Wishing to Address the Library Board

1. Jess Kiehl: Spoke about individuals in the community being groomed and told not to come to the library. He will continue to come and speak for those who are afraid to speak.
2. Father Jerry Molitor: Reminded everyone he is from the “church that doesn’t care”, meaning, they don’t care who you are, you are invited to worship at their church. Sexual orientation is biological, not chosen. People should be who God made them to be. Would rather have gun control and human trafficking addressed. Our unbiased library makes material available to all. Our job is to love, God’s job is to judge.
3. Forsell Gappa: Stated ALA has come under opposition with libraries and whole states rejecting LGBTQ material. If you think the conflict has passed, then you are taking God lightly. Believes staff wants LGBTQ books available for children. By doing that, staff choose not to follow God and need to revisit procedures.

Monthly Statistics

July statistics were reviewed.

Budget Summary

Current budget was reviewed.

Consideration of Bills for Payment

Motion by Beer, second Mielke, to pay the July 2025 bills as presented. Motion carried 8-0 on roll call. At this time, Mike Beer needed to leave.

Motion by Svec, second by Gehl, to pay the August 2025 bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on roll call.

Committee Reports

The Budget Committee met and produced a draft of the 2026 budget request to forward to the City of Waupun. Jaeger reported that the city departments met yesterday in an attempt to make cuts to budget requests in order to help with the deficit of the initial budget requests. The library did make a few changes with several line items decreased.

Librarian’s Report

Librarian’s report was reviewed.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Motion by Martens, second Homan, to approve draft of Appendix E. Motion carried.

Motion by Svec, second Homan, to approve the revised 2026 Budget Request, which will be forwarded to the City of Waupun. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call, Hill abstained.

Future meetings and gatherings involving the Library Board

Next tentative meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Svec, second Mielke, to adjourn at 5:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Marie Svec, Secretary

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