

Plains Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
April 28 , 2026 @ 6:00 Plains Public Library

Present: Myra Lindborg (Chair), Greg Sanders (Vice-chair), Brandon Wilson (Tamarack Representative) Sophie Fisher

Excused Absence: Nate Stropko

Also present: Nikki Ericksen (Director)

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The previous meeting's minutes were reviewed. Sophie moved to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were reviewed.

Claims: Claims were reviewed.

Continuing Business:

Unattended Minors policy: Policy was presented to the board for review. Individual points were discussed and edits made. The policy will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Landscaping: The landscaping was discussed. It was generally felt that the work has been done well and that the community feedback has been largely positive. Mowing of the grass was discussed. Nikki told members that she has proposed to the city that they buy the library a mower and trimmer and that the library increase Terry Watkin's (custodian) hours so that he can manage the mowing. Still to be done are planted flowering bushes along sidewalk, gravel between landscaping and Mangy Moose building, and mulch around several tree/bushes. Addition of furniture and planters.

Budget: Nikki presented a rough budget to the board. It was noted that income for this year is looking to have a significant increase over last year thanks to fundraising and increased tax revenues. Nikki presented a wish list of items she and the staff created. Everyone agreed that the wish list is important but that supporting book buying and salaries is the most important thing. Further development of the budget will be done and presented again in May.

Tamarack Federation Retreat: Nikki and Brandon gave a briefing on what they had learned and experienced at the Tamarack Federation retreat in Polson April 24th and 25th. These things included:

- Social Work as it pertains to library work.
- The importance and focus on programming for seniors
- The importance of a collection development policy
- The life cycle of a policy

Public Comment: None

Meeting was closed at 7:06 for director feedback.

Meeting was reopened at 7:18.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Meeting was scheduled for May 26th at 6:00pm at the library

Myra Lindborg (Chair)

Greg Sanders (Vice-Chair)

Sophie Fisher

Brandon Wilson (Tamarack Representative)
