



Waseca-Le Sueur Regional Library Board Meeting Minutes

January 12th, 2026 | Waseca Public Library

Present: Zella Vandervort, Patrick Tebbe, Louise Lund, Bette Traxler, John King, De Malterer, Cheri Lewer, Jennifer Weber

Absent:

Others: Stacy Lienemann (Director), Afton Finley (Staff),

I. Call to order: The Library Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by President Bette Traxler at 5:00 pm.

II. Additions to the Agenda:

- Motion by King and seconded by Vandervort to approve the agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of the December meeting minutes:

- Lienemann had a spelling error.
- Motion by Vandervort and seconded by Tebbe to approve the amended meeting minutes. Approved.

IV. Approval of January bills:

- We ended the year having utilized 96% of the budget and exceeding our revenues.
- Motion by Malterer and seconded by Lund to approve the bills. Approved.
- Voted for Zella Vandervort, Patrick Tebbe, Louise Lund, Bette Traxler, John King, De Malterer, Cheri Lewer, Jennifer Weber

V. Circulation, Activities, and Events Report:

- See the circulation and activities report.
- We were up 2.02% for the year. TdS saw a decline of about 200 ebooks, but we still saw growth, including a big jump in e-audiobooks. Physical adult audiobooks saw a big decrease, and there are fewer physical audiobooks getting published. Children's audiobook circulation increased due to the addition of Tonies and Tonieboxes. DVD circulation took a big hit as people moved towards streaming services. We beta tested large print books for leasing, and they did not go over well. We will be ending the program.
- We had lower computer use, patron visits, and registration despite having increased circulation and events.
- There were a few passive events (Le Center in particular) that were off. Finley will look into it and report back next month.

VI. Old Business:

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VII. New Business:

A. Annual Election

- a. Malterer nominated Bette Traxler as President, seconded by Lewer.
- b. Malterer nominated John King as Vice President, seconded by Lewer.
- c. Malterer nominated Jennifer Weber as Treasurer, seconded by Lewer.
- d. Malterer nominated Louise Lund as Secretary, seconded by Lewer.
- e. Motion by and second by to elect the slate of officers. Voted for Zella Vandervort, Patrick Tebbe, Louise Lund, Bette Traxler, John King, De Malterer, Cheri Lewer, Jennifer Weber

B. Committee Assignments

- a. Building/Finance: King, Malterer, Weber, Traxler
- b. Policy: Traxler, Vandervort, Lewer, Lund
- c. Personnel: Traxler, Lewer, Tebbe, Lund
- d. TdS: Waseca: (De Malterer -ALT), Le Sueur: Bette Traxler (Zella Vandervort- ALT)
- e. A motion was made by Tebbe and seconded by Vandervort to approve the slate of committee assignments as proposed. Approved. Voted for Zella Vandervort, Patrick Tebbe, Louise Lund, Bette Traxler, John King, De Malterer, Cheri Lewer, Jennifer Weber

C. Spring Event Preview

- a. Lienemann and Finley shared what upcoming events are going to happen at our libraries.

VIII. TdS Report

- TdS got a clean audit; the fund balance was secure. There is a new online newsletter from TdS you can sign up for. Minitex is stable for 2026. Catalog backlog is caught up through November. Universal cards are working really well. E-rate has been approved. Stacey Lunsford would like to be a part of our process for our restructuring.

IX. Director's Report

- See the Director's Report.
- Lienemann shared that she is waiting to hear back from Stacey Lunsford on more guidelines on ICE.
- The thermometer is moving up for the expansion project and is near \$100,000.
- Vandervort shared that the City of Waterville sold the other two buildings, and bids are currently ongoing for the current library building. The City Council is formally asking the architect to work on the library space. Malterer asked about the library. Lienemann stated she is unsure whether the City Council knows they are required to provide a space for the library per the Joint Powers Agreement. This is based on comments made at the City Council meeting.

X. Board Comments and Questions

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XI. Next Month's Meeting Location

- Next month's meeting is on February 9th at the Le Center Public Library.

XII. Adjournment

- Traxler adjourned the meeting at 6:18 pm.