

Worthen Library

Monthly Meeting – Board of Trustees

June 9, 2026

Attending:

Board members: Natalie Kendrach, Kristen Bartle, Ken Kowalewitz

Absent: Gabby Ramseyer, Liz Wirsing, Keagan Calkins

Library Director: Keagan Calkins

Members of the public: none

Call to order @ 6:05PM

Preliminary Business

- **Review payment orders for approval:** Bills are circulating for approval.
- **Agenda adjustments:**
- **Public Comment:**
- **Review and accept the minutes from the previous monthly meeting:** NK moved to accept the minutes from May 12, 2026. KB seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Library Director's Report:

- The Summer Speaker Series started out strong.
 - Bill McKibben kicked it off with sold out audience
 - Sarah Stewart Taylor had 55 in attendance
 - Sound has been terrific, and they've figured out the transmitter for the microphone needs to be left on the podium if the speaker walks around
- Book sale will be July 9-11. Books have started to be collected and sorted thanks to Friends of the Library.
- We've weeded lots of books from fiction and mystery in the last month.
- Conference Report: Keagan went to sessions on sharing staff with other libraries to create full time positions, having an artist in residence who works explicitly with teens, staff mental health and burnout, and a presentation on libraries and workforce development. It was an inspiring day.
- Summer Reading begins Friday, June 19th!

Old & Ongoing Business

- Development Committee Report:
 - Worthen Society Gathering: Saturday July 18, 5-7PM.
- Tent Sale Completion - Cheers to Gabby! The sale is complete and the tent has been received and set up at Camp Hochelega!
- 4th of July Planning
 - Ken confirming with the Rays
 - Ken getting Panels
 - Nat, Gabby and Kristen unavailable this year
 - Will defer to Keagan to recruit kids to be on the trailer

New Business:

- Strategic Plan Check-in: Both the Mission Statement and Library Objective sections look good and we propose no further changes at this point. Asking the rest of the Trustees to review these sections to agree/disagree. Then we will plan to send out a new survey in the July newsletter to collect responses to re-populate the “what is the worthen library doing well” and “areas for improvement” to update the plan for 2027.
- Scam Attempt Story: We received a letter from a California based law firm asserting that we used a copyrighted photo of Martin Luther King Jr. on our website. After a thorough review of the requests stated in the letter we responded citing that we were exempt from this issue because we are a not-for-profit municipal operation. We hope that this closes the matter.

The next meeting will be July 14, 2026. Kristen is proposing we pick a different day for July. Natalie is also not available on July 14th. The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

- ☒ Ken
- ☒ Natalie
- ☒ Liz
- ☐ Keagan
- ☒ Kristen
- ☒ Gabby