

Western District Library Board Minutes

August 24, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jan Gustafson. Those present were Sue Routt, Rod Ward, Julie Abbott, Kathi Parrish, Beth Hoffmann, Jeanine McGaughey, and Michelle Bailey.

Public Hearing on Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 2026-2

No members of public were present.

Public Comments

No public comments.

July Minutes

Meeting minutes from July 28, 2026 were reviewed. Rod moved to approve as amended, Sue seconded. Voted, approved.

Communications

Certified letter was received from Village of Orion regarding public meeting on August 31, 2026, on proposed Orion TIF District II. Board discussed possible intent and consequences of the expanded property included in the current TIF district.

Treasurer's Reports

Michelle needs to make corrections to the report, so will not be reviewed at this meeting.

Director's Reports

Michelle shared director's report for July, including following:

- Summer reading program was expanded to include adult readers. Thirty-one adults participated, reading 410 books to earn raffle tickets. Four monetary prizes were awarded, with one patron returning her winnings to be used by the library.
- Michelle has submitted a grant request to Project Next Generation for educational programs related to food needs and budgeting.
- Basement work is done. Trees in front will be trimmed in September, and back parking lot will be seal coated and striped.
- In late June a digital creator made a presentation to 70 attendees, then held a small group workshop.
- A dragon trainer drew 85 attendees.
- Ocean Odyssey program, with 130 people in attendance, allowed everyone to pet real stingrays.
- Passive reading programs continue, including Pen Pals (all ages), Dragon card players, and scavenger hunts for kids.

Committee Reports

No committees met. Personnel committee and building committee will schedule meetings soon.

Old Business

- A. Board reviewed Budget and Appropriations Ordinance #2026-2. Jeanine moved to approve, Kathi seconded, voice vote, approved 7-0.

New Business

- B. IPLAR will be completed by Sep 1.

Closed Session

No closed session needed.

Other Business/Future Agenda Considerations

Michelle mentioned that the landscaping out front will need updating at some point. Bricks are shifting. Board discussed possibilities for outside lighting to project on the building. Building committee will investigate and report back to the board.

Rod moved to adjourn, Sue seconded. Voted, approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Parrish, Secretary