

**MORRILL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**January 6, 2025**

**1. ROUTINE MATTERS:**

- A. President Deb Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Deb stated that notice of the meeting was posted in three places and the MPL Board meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Laws and will be conducted as such.
- B. Members present: Deb Meyer, Kathy Calahan, Pete Cawiezel, Carol Wells, Sandra Lutz, and Library Director Sarah Johannsen. Village Board member Kim Schledewitz was also in attendance.
- C. Pete moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2024 after a correction to the date of the last meeting was made. He then made a motion to approve the agenda for January. Carol seconded both motions. All ayes, motions carried.
- D. Sarah shared a letter of resignation as Library Board president by Deb Meyer,

**2. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS:**

- A. Financial Report: Sarah provided each member with an updated copy of the Village budget as well as the library budget. All items were in order. Pete moved to accept the report and Sandy seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

**3. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT:**

- A. Sarah provided a detailed report to each board member and a copy was sent to the Village Office.  
Friday adult mornings are going well and a movie will be shown the last Friday of each month.  
Repairs and Maintenance-The light has been repaired and things are all in working order.  
New materials- The latest CJ Box book comes out next month and several new series are in.  
After School Program-16 children and 3 sixth grade chaperones are participating, along several volunteers.  
Workshops and Meetings-Summer workshops will begin in February.  
Sandy moved to approve Sarah's report and Pete seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Sarah reported that the Village Board has approved the purchase of one new computer for patrons. Friends of the Library may be able to purchase another, depending on the cost. It was agreed to purchase towers and monitors, since they are easier to upgrade.
- B. Dates for two Summer Reading workshops have been determined. Sarah, Paige, and Katie will attend the meeting in Alliance on Febr. 1 and Sarah will travel to Ogallala for the other meeting on Feb. 2. Sarah also mentioned that the Friends of the Library will host a community Valentine get-together on February 6 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Board members will be supplying treats.
- C. We will have a board member going off the board in July. Sarah will invite several new prospective members to our next board meeting on March 6.

- D. Sandra made a motion to accept Deb's resignation as board president. She will remain on the board. The motion carried after a second by Carol.
- E. Kathy then made a motion to amend the agenda to formally approve Pete as our new board president. The motion carried after a second by Deb.

**5. Unfinished Business:**

Sarah is still waiting to hear from four grants on digitizing our files. We may not hear anything until June. She will have updated bylaws for us at the March meeting.

The next meeting is set for March 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Deb made a motion to adjourn and Kathy seconded. The motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Calahan, MPL Board Secretary