

Newton Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2025 4:00 PM. Library Meeting Room

Members Present: Soule, Baker, Braafhart, Hutchinson, Bierman, city council liaison Joel Mills, guest Bill Peters, director Terry

Call to Order: 4:00 pm

Agenda Approval: Motion by Baker, second by Braafhart. Motion approved.

Minutes Approval: Soule motioned, Baker second. Motion approved.

New Trustee Intro: We welcomed Ashton, our new board member.

Public Comments/Concerns: There were none.

Discussion with Bill Peters: He came to discuss what is happening at DMACC. They will be opening a library on the facility and he would like to coordinate with our NPL. We brainstormed several possible ways to work together.

Approval of Bills: Moved by Braafhart seconded by Baker . Bills approved.

Reports:

Financial Report: On track

Director's Report: The library has purchased two more hotspots as well as radon detector kits. Easy readers will be cataloged by levels to pace on the new shelving, which will be in approx June.

Long-Range Plan: On track.

Strategic Planning: Terry will start on the strategic plan this month.

Old Business: Ok for FY 26.

New Business: The board opened a furnace bid from Reeves for \$30,819.13. Motion made by Baker to accept this bid. Second by Soule. Motion approved. A motion was made by Baker to close NPL at 3pm on Dec. 31. Second by Braafhart. Motion approved. A motion was made by Baker to approve part time employee handbook changes Terry suggested. Second by Braafhart. Motion approved. Rural library services was discussed. Motion was made by Soule to change rural services to open access(with no Libby) on April 15, 2025. Second by Braafhart. Motion approved.

Agenda items for next meeting: letter to rural services, landscape

Adjournment: Moved by Soule. Second by Baker. Motion approved. Adjourned at 5:45.

Next Scheduled Meeting:, February 27, 2025 at **4:00 pm**, Library Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted by Darcy Soule, Board Secretary