

Ida Public Library Board of Trustees

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Small Meeting Room, Lower Level of

Ida Public Library

The October regular meeting of the Ida Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Board Vice President Jenny Tillema at 6:00 pm. Trustees present were Paige Ansley, Daniel Arevalo, Corey Beard, Maegen English, Steve Pierce, and Jenny Tillema.

Not present: Wendy Frank, Derek Prado, and Angie Williams

Also present was Library Director Mindy Long.

Public Comment – None.

Correspondence – Email reviewed from neighbors with concerns over the “clean up” of landscaping. At this point in Expansion, no immediate action will be taken. During the planning stages, effort and thought will be put into landscaping.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the September meeting minutes and the October 7th B & G Committee meeting notes by Daniel Arevalo. Steve Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Board Member Corey Beard was introduced to the Board.

Unfinished Business:

Election of Officers: Committee Appointments – See attached **Ida Public Library Committee List 2024/2025**. Paige Ansley motioned to accept the changes made to the Committee Lists. Daniel Arevalo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

1. **Finance (Daniel Arevalo, Chair):** Budget and Treasurer’s Report available for review. Paige Ansley motioned to approve the report. Steve Pierce seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
Audit review: Excess of \$22K collected from memorials. Steve Pierce made a motion to approve leaving the overage in the main checking account to help cover upcoming repair bills. Maegen English seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
2. **Policy Committee:** No report.
3. **Building & Grounds (Jenny Tillema, Chair):** Committee Meeting notes reviewed.
4. **Nominating & Personnel (Paige Ansley, Chair):** No report.
5. **Expansion Committee (Angie Williams & Jenny Tillema, Co-chairs):** No report.
6. **Friends of the Library:** No report.
7. **Librarian’s Report (Mindy Long):**

- a. Reviewed patron numbers, bookmobile numbers, etc.
- b. Bookmobile repair updates.
- c. Building updates (gas leak, alarms and motion detector issues)
- d. Printer Ink update
- e. Dino-Vember, Nancy Drew & Jane Austen
- f. PrairieCat on the Go (mobile app)
- g. Eread Illinois – The Palace Project

Steve Pierce motioned to approve the Librarian's Report. Paige Ansley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. **Approval of Shed (Friends):** Steve Pierce motioned to approve the removal of the existing storage shed (currently used by the Friends of the Library) and to replace it with a 10x12 prefabricated shed to be put in the same location. Daniel Arevalo seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
2. **Madison Street Stairs:** Discussed need to demo and rebuilt entrance. Plans were reviewed.
3. **Carnegie Library Grant:** A \$10,000 check was sent to Ida as a remaining Carnegie Library. Steve Pierce motioned to deposit that grant money into the main checking account to cover expenses. Corey Beard seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **State of Illinois – Free Training** available to Library Board Members. Mindy will email login information.

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 6pm.

Steve Pierce motioned to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:12 pm and Corey Beard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Committee List

2024/2025

Building and Grounds Committee

Jenny Tillema – Chair

Paige Ansley

Steve Pierce

Finance Committee

Daniel Arevalo – Chair

Maegen English

Derek Prado

Nominating/Personnel Committee

Paige Ansley – Chair

Wendy Frank

Maegen English

Policy Committee

Angie Williams – Chair

Daniel Arevalo

Wendy Frank

Expansion Committee

Jenny Tillema – Chair

Steve Pierce

Corey Beard (?)