Morris Area Public Library
October 12, 2026
Board of Trustees General Meeting Minutes
6:30 pm
Morris Area Public Library Conference Room

Minutes-

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
   - **a.** Called to order at 6:31 P.M.
   - **b.** Roll Call: Cummings, Keavney, Keegan, Peterson, and Russell were present. Ebert and Geiger attended via Zoom after a vote.
   - **c.** Motion to approve remote attendance for Ebert and Geiger. Moved by Keavney and seconded by Russell. Approved 5-0
   - **d.** Library Director Hanson was present, along with guests, Burton, Fischer, Sandoval, and Sargent.
2. **Review of Agenda for Additions/ Changes**:
   - **a.** None
3. **Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment**
   - **a.** None
4. **Consent Agenda**
   - **a.** Keavney made a motion, seconded by Keegan, to approve the consent agenda as presented; approved 7 - 0.
5. **Director's Report**
   - **a.** Community
     - i. Burton and Hanson met with the GCIC in September.
     - ii. Hanson attended the "West of 47" directors group meeting.
     - iii. A volunteer from the transition program will come in on Wednesday mornings to shelve.
   - **b.** Programs
     - i. Their numbers were smaller due to our hiatus month.
   - **c.** Building
     - i. Narvick is working through the remaining punch list items while the architect and construction consultant continue to evaluate unexpected issues.
     - ii. Eallonardo suggests the leak problems in the community room may stem from old construction and travel to the new construction. The advanced testing might cost as much as replacing the roof. He will be present in the November meeting to discuss this issue.
     - iii. The library Appraiser was at the Library on 9/21/26, and we should receive the report in the next few months.
     - iv. We received change orders from Narvick but there was an error, and we are waiting for a corrected version.
     - v. We should have an architect on site soon to evaluate the roof.
   - **d.** Professional Development
     - i. Six staff members attended the Illinois Library Association Conference and have turned in reflections.
     - ii. Hanaon attended the Adopting Emotional Intelligence in Your Leadership presentation from the Grundy Community Foundation.
     - iii. We hosted the first-ever Rural Library Programmers Roundtable on 9/18.
   - **e.** Personnel:
     - i. We completed the first round of interviews for the Business Manager Internship.
   - **f.** Other Information
     - i. We are working on implementing Clover as our new POS system.
     - ii. Hanson is waiting on the financial advisor about when and how we complete our Tax Levy.
     - iii. Our auditor needs more time to finish the audit. Hopefully it will be presented at the next board meeting.

iv. Reminder of the upcoming trustee election cycle. For those who are interested in running (or re-running) for Library Board, the first day to circulate nominating petitions is August 25, 2026. These petitions must be completed and filed with Secretary Keegan between November 16 and November 23. The election will be April 6. 2027.
v. The library is researching alternatives to the Square Account. A board member suggested we look into Zeffy, which works with nonprofit organizations.

6. **President's Report**
   a. None
7. **Vice President's Report**
   a. None
8. **Committee Reports**
   a. Finance Committee (Geiger)
      i. None
   b. Facilities & Technology Committee (Ebert/Russell)
      i. Will work on setting up a meeting before the next board meeting.
   c. Personnel & Policy Committee (Cummings/Keavney)
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   d. Strategic Plan Committee (Keavney)
      i. None
9. **Review of Illinois Library Standards - Barowsky (presented by Hanson)**
   a. Programming
      i. We need to expand Community Partnerships, provide more accessible programming, and develop more formal evaluations of programming.
10. **Unfinished business**
    a. A motion was made to approve the updates to previous library meeting minutes in alignment with the secretary audit committee's suggestion. Cummings moved and Keavney seconded, and it passed 7- 0.
11. **New Business**
    a. A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Amend the LIMRICC Intergovernmental Agreement. Moved by Keavney and seconded by Russell and approved 7-0.
    b. A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of LIMRICC. Moved by Keavney and seconded by Keegan. Approved 7-0
    c. A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Join LIMRICC in full (including the Unemployment Compensation Program (UGCA) and Health Insurance). Moved by Keavney and seconded by Keegan and approved 7-0.

12. **Other**
    a. None
13. **Executive Session**
    a. None

Executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 102/2: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
Executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 102/3: the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given the power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office when the public body is given the power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.

14. **Action on Executive Session**
    a. None
15. **Adjournment**
    a. Keavney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M., and Peterson seconded. Approved 7-0

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