

Moorhead Public Library Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Agenda

Present: Chizuko Shastri, Karin Olson Held, Neely Benton, Sonja Bloomquist, Cady Rutter, Emily Moore, Megan Krueger, Liz Lynch (guest, LARL executive director), Linda Shell (guest, Friends of the Moorhead Library)

Members not present: Samantha Gust, Charley Johnson

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. There were enough board members present to have a quorum. Neely Benton, Board Chair, conducted the meeting.

Approve Agenda

- Sonja moved to approve the agenda; Cady seconded. Motion passed.

Approve minutes from November 2024 meeting

- Neely moved to approve the meeting minutes; Sonja seconded. Motion passed.

Welcome new member(s) and introductions

- Cady Rutter
- Emily Moore

2025 Board Elections

- By unanimous vote of Board members:
 - Neely Benton elected as chair
 - Samantha Gust elected as vice chair
 - Karin Olson Held elected secretary

Giving Hearts Day (February 13)

- 2nd year participating in Giving Hearts Day
- Goal is \$20,000 (up from \$10,000 goal in 2024)
- How to help – wear buttons, use stickers, distribute postcards, give early.
- Swing Barrel Brewing is hosting a round up campaign all week. Round your total up to the nearest dollar, and Swing Barrel will donate those proceeds to the library.
- Vision Bank will decide who has the best video. People can vote once each day.
- Special recognition opportunities when you donate online (in honor, in memory). Recognitions show those honorary gifts on the video.
- Word of mouth campaign to donate in former library director Ann's memory, and a meeting room in the new library will be named for her.
- Have the confidence to ask for a gift to the library!
- Celebrate at the library on February 13 from 4-8pm. Cookies, popcorn, punch, music from Tuckerd Out, photos with Booker the Owl.

LARL Orientation / Library Legislative Update

- Liz provided an overview of how the 12 Regional Public Library systems in Minnesota, and LARL, are organized, funded, and operate.

Library and Community Center Update

- Project is currently on schedule. The utility installation in the basement is nearly complete. The project has gone vertical! A beam topping ceremony will be planned for later this spring.
- After Giving Hearts Day, other fundraising efforts will ramp up.
- The new library is on track to open in spring 2026!

LARL Board Update

- Reviewed the LARL Board meeting report from November 21, 2024.

Director's Report

- The Caregiver Connection program is going well. Each month, one agency presents an educational program after the Baby Bounce literacy program.
- The City of Moorhead now pays for security services.

Other Business

- None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm. Next Meeting: April 8, 2025