

The meeting was called to order by President Dee Crawshaw at 5:00pm. Those in attendance were: Janice Brozovich, Gene Carlson, Dee Crawshaw, Judi Johnson, Jeff Owens, and Susan Roush. Absent were Jerri Brown, Ralph Rowe, and Lori Williamson.

Minutes: The June 2025 board minutes were submitted for review. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Owens and seconded by Johnson. The motion was voted on, accepted, and the minutes of the June 2025 meeting were placed on file.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was submitted and reviewed. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Carlson and seconded by Johnson. The motion was voted on, accepted, and the treasurer's report was placed on file.

Correspondence:

1. "Thank You" from Bill Brozovich. A "thank-you" note was shared with the members that was received from Bill Brozovich who thanked the Library for its participation in the area library touring program that was held in the Spring and for the wonderful "prize" that he received for visiting the most libraries from those patrons that participated from the Marseilles Public Library.
2. "Thank You" from the Kindergarten teachers of the Marseilles Elementary School: A "thank-you" note was shared with the members that was received from the kindergarten teachers from the Marseilles Elementary School who thanked the Library and its staff for accommodating their enjoyable visit to the Library with their students.

Visitors: Charles Stanley – representative from the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation. Mr. Stanley asked the Board permission to erect a sign outside of the Library in honor of Mabel Carney, a prior educator. A motion was made by Owens to grant permission for the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation to erect the sign outside near the lower entrance level to the Library. The motion was seconded by Carlson. The motion passed.

Director's Report:

The Director stated that she has gathered and compiled and placed in a folder all of the policies of the Marseilles Public Library. The policies compiled in the folder will be made available to the Board members for easy access so that each policy may be reviewed and updated.

Old business:

Lower Level Windows: The Board reviewed and accepted a proposal from Renaissance Historic Exteriors to install new windows in the lower level of the Library.. It was noted that no other bids were received from local contractors with regards to this project. A portion of the cost of this project will be paid by an ARPA grant provided by LaSalle County. A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Johnson to accept the bid submitted by Renaissance Historic Exteriors. The motion passed.

New business:

- a) Outside Story Walk: The Director asked permission to purchase ten (10) placards/signs to be placed in the yard outside for a "Outside Story Walk Exhibit." A motion was made by Owens and seconded by Brozovich to grant permission for the Director to purchase and erect the placards/signs in the Library yard for the "Outside Story Walk Exhibit." The motion passed
- b) Friends of the Library: A discussion was held as to the future of the organization and the remaining funds in its treasury. The members discussed the options that could be pursued in the event that the "Friends of the Library" organization dissolved due to the lack of funds. The members also noted the many things that the "Friends" have contributed to the Library over the years. No decisions were made.
- c) New Employee: Due to resignation of part-time employee, Terri Crum, the Director indicated that the Library has received a number of applications and resumes from individuals expressing an interest in the part-time position. The Director discussed with the Board the applicant that she felt was most qualified for the position. The Board consented and acquiesced. A motion was made by Johnson and was seconded by Owens to grant the Director permission to offer this individual the vacant part-time position. The motion passed.

Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Owens at 6:10pm. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation.