

## Eureka Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

**Date: February 23, 2026**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Don Whitman at 6:32pm

**Members present:**

Don Whitman  
Tim Martin  
Robin Robinson  
Jane Burke  
Lisa Reinmann  
Robin Robinson  
Sandi Sylvester  
Marj Crowe

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

Cindy O'Neill

**Approval of items on the Consent Agenda:** Trustee Martin moved and Trustee Reinmann seconded that the minutes of January 26, 2026 be approved as revised. This passed.

**Financial Report and Approval of:**

Trustee Martin moved that the January Treasurer Reports be approved. Trustee Reinmann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:**

Treasurer Reinmann presented the financial reports for January 2026. The January report showed overall expenditures of \$371,505.09 or 59% of budget.

Director O'Neill is working with the bank to smooth out kinks in using ACH to pay bills. Some vendors cannot accept ACH and those will remain on the bill pay system.

**Personnel:**

Trustee Burke presented the annual evaluation of Director O'Neill.

Trustee Burke shared the proposed revisions to the Board of Trustees Bylaws regarding the annual Director evaluation.

**Building:**

- **Post Office:** 360 Electric worked on the radiator in the front of the building. They replaced a valve but discovered a leak from a coil that will need replacing. The estimated cost for the repairs is \$3000.  
Also, while Cindy was on vacation at the end of January, All Trades needed to be called in because of a leak in the bathroom. Fixing the problem will involve opening the wall,

replacing the pipe and replacing the damaged flooring. No estimate of that has been given.

- **Library:** The fire alarm inspection on February 20<sup>th</sup> was completed. Two batteries will need replacing and a heat sensor in the basement will need updating. The proposal comes to \$447.37.

Trustee Robinson reported that Mayor Lind believes that the construction on Main Street will begin as soon as the weather breaks. The Staff will be thinking about alternative locations for the Summer Reading program kick-off in May.

**Children's Library:** A Sun Foundation Grant for \$1000 will be used to offer art classes to Middle school students. In March Reading Buddies will start back up with 80 participants expected. The District Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers have requested help developing fine motor skills with their students. Angela will set up fine motor skills stations. The Children's Library can be so busy that Cindy needs to send a third librarian to help.

**Adult Programing:** Gennifer reports that Master Gardeners will be back in March. Book Bingo is very popular. A vision screening will be held on 3/13\_in cooperation with Illinois Eye Center.

#### **Director's Report:**

- Work continues with WebLinx . Cindy showed us the logo that the staff would like to use.
- After getting a small, but interesting turnout for the small focus groups, the staff is making plans for the Staff Retreat on March 4 from 8:30-12:30 to discuss the strategic planning surveys. The Board will then meet on March 11 2-5 pm to discuss.
- After discussions with other area librarians, Cindy told us that the librarians no longer see a need to request contact information for a reference when a patron applies for a library card.
- The Library was contacted by the family of Lois Binkley. Lois was the Children's Librarian in the 90's. She also served as a librarian until 2006. She recently passed. The family was looking for a way to direct memorial donations to the library that Lois loved. Ordinarily, this type of donation is handled through the funeral home. However, there isn't one in this case. Trustee Crowe said the family had decided to request that those wishing to donate to the library in Lois' memory do so by check.
- Director O'Neill said that she has submitted initial documents for an IMRF compliance review and is waiting for an audit appointment. She is also beginning to record trustee training hours to be prepared for changes that appear to be coming for the IPLAR report.

#### **Old Business:**

#### **New Business:**


- Trustee Robinson moved and Trustee Sylvester seconded that the proposed changes to the Bylaws of the ELPD Board of Trustees be made. This carried unanimously.
- The Hotspot Lending and User Agreement was reviewed.
- Trustee Sylvester moved and Trustee Robinson seconded that the Internet Access and Use Agreement be approved as revised. This carried unanimously.

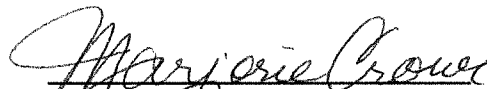
- The Illinois Public Library Standards: Advocacy section was reviewed by the Board.

**Announcements**

**Public Comments**

**Adjournment:** Trustee Sylvester moved to adjourn, and Trustee Martin seconded. After a vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

  
President

  
Secretary