

September Board Minutes

The Atchison County Library Board met on September 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Those present were President Janet Griffin, Lydia Hurst, Vicki Pearson, Cathy Lien, Jayne Martin, Carol Clark and Jennifer Roup.

The agenda was reviewed. Janet asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Vicki moved to accept and Cathy Lien seconded. Motion carried.

The August minutes were reviewed. Janet asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Cathy made a motion, Jayne Martin. Motion carried.

The August budget was reviewed. Janet asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Jayne made a motion to approve, Lydia seconded, motion carried.

As the expenses were discussed, the comment was made that Great American Kite Company needs to be contacted regarding a 2026 date and the funds raised through the retail kite sales.

Expenses were moved, motioned and seconded by Lydia and Vicki Pearson.

Carol presented the expenses for the month of September so far. The future expresses of the new building were discussed as well as possibly inquiring about community trusts such as the Morgan and Carpenter Trusts.

Jennifer brought new business to the board. Deb Fletcher has been hired as the Fairfax Clerk. There were 5 applicants and 4 interviews conducted for the position. Deb's first day will be September 15, 2025.

Old business was discussed, including the CDBG grant. The board would like Jennifer to get in touch with the contact involving the grant and explain that we have concerns about the building being a hazard. It might be important for someone involved with the grant process to know that we feel we are at a crossroads where the building needs to be torn down. Jennifer will reach out to Jerri Dearmont to see where we are in the grant process.

Jennifer gave a directors report. She shared that she has been in contact with the Wilcox family and the plans for updating the children's area in the resource center have been decided on. She will move forward with implementing those changes and getting old furniture moved out to make room for the new items. There are many events planned for September, including lego nights, book chats and the Teen nights have been set aside for next spring due to low attendance. Jennifer said she would work hard to find more speakers for the Speaker Series.

Janet asked for a motion to adjourn, Cathy made a motion and Jayne Martin seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned at 11.45 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2025.