

Canton Public Library (CPL)
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
Official Public Records Minutes
Tuesday, August 11, 2026
6:00 PM

Members (Present):

Stephanie Chancellor, Phyllis Dean, Heather Feldkamp, Katie Marney, Karla McReynolds, Lexi Barnhart, Beth Weaver, Keri Cottrell, Alissa Burger and Mary Kay Lane.

Call to order:

Karla McReynolds called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of August Agenda and July Board Minutes:

Chancellor moved to approve the August agenda. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

Burger moved to approve the July board minutes. Barnhart seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of July Financial Report:

There is a new line under Restricted Donations for Renovation, which includes funds for Adopt-a-Box and patron donations to support the library renovation.

Chancellor moved to approve the July financial reports. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Signature cards at USB have been updated to align with changes in executive board. No changes/updates were needed at People's Bank.

The library received a grant of \$2,940 from the Community Foundation for a project titled "Safe Spaces - Upgrading Library Spaces for Children and Teens" to help support purchasing furnishings for the kids' and teens' areas. This is the first time one of the library's Community Foundation grants has been fully funded (rather than partially funded).

The patron who had expressed concerns about two books in the library collection came in and asked if the books had been removed. Nellie shared the policy with her again, that she must read the books in their entirety and follow the established procedure. The patron checked out one of the books. There has been no further communication.

Library furniture will be available for silent auction. Discussed tips, tricks, and best practices.

Friends of the Library will be hosting a celebration when the library reopens. The scheduled date of this celebration is Friday, October 30th.

Friends Report: None.

Renovation Committee Report:

Decisions have been made on paint and flooring. Packing is underway, with volunteer schedule continuing throughout the month (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00-9:00 and Tuesday, Thursday 6:00-7:00). We will have a group of C-SC students at the library for EDM on Saturday, August 22nd to help load trailer.

We anticipate painting in mid-September. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the move in once the renovation is complete in early October. Burger's WSL group will be volunteering as part of a service project. We can share info with high school honor and college honor societies, student organizations, fraternities and sororities, etc. who need service hours.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Establishment of Mileage Reimbursement Rate: The current federal mileage reimbursement rate is 72.5 cents per mile, which is prohibitive for library budget and travel. Most non-profit organizations have a mileage reimbursement rate of around 50 cents per mile and DESE's reimbursement rate is 54 cents per mile.

Chancellor made a motion that we change the library's travel mileage reimbursement rate to 50 cents per mile for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Weaver seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Dean moved to adjourn the meeting. Marney seconded.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m in the Media Center Conference Room at Canton R-V.

Respectfully submitted,
Alissa Burger