

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Argenta-Oreana Public April 28, 2025, at Oreana Library
Board of Trustees**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Vice President Jackie Goeppinger. Library Board members present were Linda Albert, Matt Honnold and Barbara Light. Also, in attendance were Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

Correspondence, communications, and public comments – Donna told the board that the results of the election have been certified.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 31 meeting. Matt moved to approve the minutes as presented. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the February 2025 Financial report and Treasurer's report. The board reviewed the March bills. Matt asked about check 12147 to GFL. Donna explained that this was for 3 months of trash pickup for both buildings. The board reviewed the March Financial and Treasurer's reports. Linda moved to approve the February Financial and Treasurer's reports and the March bills, financial and Treasurer's reports as presented. Matt seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Donna presented the Director's Report. Donna reviewed the circulation numbers for March. AOPLD received a \$50.00 donation from the Prairie Homemakers and a \$500.00 donation from the Bridge. Both donations are for Summer Reading. Bonnie attended a Book Repair Workshop in Forsyth. The water fountain in Argenta quit working. A new unit was needed and has been installed. The new planters have "clean" dirt and are ready to plant. The grass has been planted at Argenta. This completes the parking lot project. Seasonal checks were performed on both air conditioning systems. The children's, young adults and adult programs continue to be well attended. Donna attended several meetings. Donna and Tina attended an online training session for Overdrive on Cost Per Circ and Reports.

Old Business –

There were two items of Old Business.

1. Update on Trust Funds/Gerber Bank – Donna reports that the transition to the new Heart of IL (new trust fund manager) is in process and may take as long as a year to complete. The trust amounts going forward are unknown currently.
2. Statement of Economic Interest – Donna handed out the receipts for the statements filed by board members.

New Business -

There were three items of new business.

1. Staff Compensation-At 5:15 PM, Barbara made a motion to move to the closed session according to Open Meetings Act - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss staff compensation for FY2026. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes. At 5:25 PM, the board returned from closed session. Linda moved to approve staff compensation changes as presented in the closed session. Matt seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed with all ayes.
2. Finance Committee – Matt and Barbara were appointed to collaborate with Donna on the Finance Committee.
3. Personnel Committee -John, Trudy and Jackie have agreed to serve on the Personnel Committee for FY2026.
4. Policy Changes to the Meeting Room Policy – Donna presented some changes and clarifications for the Meeting Room Policy. The changes clarified who can use the meeting room. The board discussed the changes. It was noted that paragraph 2 was redundant. It will be deleted. Matt moved to approve the changes as amended. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.

Miscellaneous – Donna reported that a group of children were seen playing on the roof at the Argenta building.

Jackie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jackie adjourned the meeting at 5:43 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday May 19, 2025, at 4:30 PM in Oreana.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Light