

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HARRISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 27, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harrison County Public Library was held on February 27, 2025. The meeting took place at the Corydon branch of Harrison County Public Library, 105 N. Capitol Avenue, Corydon, IN. Members of the Board present: Kathy Crimans, President; Sharon Mathes, Vice-President; Barbara Smith, Secretary; Pamela Bennett Martin, Sharon Rothrock, Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor, Alisa Burch, Director, Jessica Stroud, Assistant Director/Treasurer & Recording Secretary, Leah Porter of Blue Dot Harrison County, and Liz Beamer, a member of the public. Derrick Grigsby was absent.

Kathy Crimans called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and stated that a quorum was present.

Public Input

There was no input from the public.

Consent Agenda

Sharon Mathes made a motion to approve the consent agenda for the February 27, 2025 meeting. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

Approval of the Agenda

Pam Bennett Martin made a motion to approve the agenda for the February 27, 2025 meeting. Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

Treasurers' Report

Barbara Smith made a motion to approve the claims, financial reports, and transfer of funds for January 2025. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS Presented by Alisa Burch, Director

HCPL had these weather-related closures in February

- Wednesday, February 19 – Closed
- Thursday, February 20 – Corydon opened at 10 am. All other locations operated under a regular schedule.

The AFR (Annual Financial Report to the Indiana State Board of Accounts) was submitted through Gateway on February 11. An output of that report, the Cash & Investments Combined Statement 2024 was printed as a legal notice in the February 19th edition of the Corydon Democrat as required by Indiana Code.

This year units were also required to submit the Gateway Debt Management Affirmation and Contract Upload Affirmation to be eligible for the DLGF to approve a 2026 budget. Alisa completed those affirmations on February 13.

Alisa provided an update on the 2025 Read to Feed Harrison County Winter Reading Program, sharing that a total of 15,255 books were logged. The goal was 10,000 books. NMES was the highest-performing school, recording the most books read. Pete the Cat visited NMES and performed for the students with Eden Ransdell.

The Reception to Honor Bryan Moss will be Friday, March 14 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Harrison County Arts.

Alisa distributed the updated board contact sheet for 2025.

Alisa submitted the Indiana State Library Annual Report on February 26. Kathy Crimans' signed the report at this regular meeting.

Assistant Director Jessica Stroud created a [donation page](#) for the HCPL website and "Ways to Donate" cards for distribution to the public.

It is time for HCPL to attend a Commissioners and Council Meeting. Alisa and Kathy Crimans will schedule to appear on their respective meeting agendas.

Alisa provided the ILF President's Statement on Senate Bill 1: Property Tax Reform.

Alisa provided the ILF President's Statement on Indiana Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Funding.

The Third Legislative Update will take place on April 5th. Senator Byrne and Representative Engleman will be there. Registration is necessary.

A grassroots advocacy group dedicated to protecting Hoosiers' freedom to read exists called IN FREADOM – <https://infreadom.org>

BUSINESS

Pam Bennett Martin made a motion to raise the paid card fee from \$68.00 to \$71.00. Sharon Mathes seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Barbara Smith made a motion to allow closing of branches as necessary to allow staff to attend

the ILF Regional Conference on Friday, April 11, 2025 at Floyd County Public Library. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Sharon Rothrock performed the oath of office for the HCPL Board of Trustees.

Photos of newest board members Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor and Sharon Rothrock were taken to post on the HCPL website.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Barbara Smith said that she was saddened by the loss of Diana and wishes her family the best.

Sharon Mathes said that Diana had a big impact on our community.

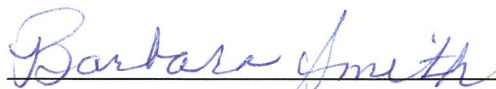
Kathy Crimans said that she and her husband Thom made banners for the Harrison County Arts in the HCPL Makerspace.

Pam Bennett Martin said that HCPL will participate in post-Light-Up Corydon activities and these events will be promoted well in advance.

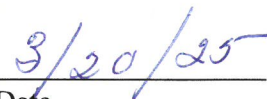
ADJOURNMENT

Sharon Rothrock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Pam Bennett Martin seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

The Board will meet again for the next regular Board meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at the Corydon branch.



Secretary, HCPL Board of Trustees



Date

