**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Vinton Public Library Board**

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

**Vinton Public Library – Virginia Holsten Board Room**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Whitney Bowen at 5:01 p.m.

Roll Call was taken.

Roll Call was answered by Whitney Bowen (Board Chair), Shelby Dodson, Ann Harrison, Jimmy Kelly, Jen Kreutner (Secretary), Michele Lash, Julie Piper, Melody Spence, and Matt Wilden. Library Director Kelly Henkle was also in attendance.

Board members introduced themselves to the newest member, Melody Spence, and welcomed her onto the board.

Motion to approve agenda by M. Wilden. 2nd by A. Harrison. Motion carried 9-0.

Motion to approve consent agenda by M. Lash. 2nd by J. Piper. Motion passed 9-0.

There were no public comments.

Friends of the Library report was given by Director Henkle. Next meeting of the Friends will be Sept. 18 at 6:00 p.m. The group will be providing treats for an upcoming presentation on Oct. 16 about the History of All Hallows Eve. At the Parks and Rec Halloween parade, they will again be handing out books and coupons to be redeemed at the library. They are also considering doing a “Blind Date with a Book” sale as a fundraiser.

Board Continuing Education: Director Henkle shared a handout on the Five Primary Responsibilities of Boards and discussed these functions with the board.

Old Business:

* Director Henkle gave an update on Vinton’s Big Read and the activities planned for the year. There was a great turnout for the kickoff party, and a video of Kelly’s presentation about the funding received and the events planned throughout the year is on the library facebook page along with a calendar of the events. The library has purchased 140 copies of the book Bewilderment by Richard Powers, and 100 have been distributed so far. There are 35 people signed up for the first Carnegie library bus tour.

New Business:

* VPL has received the Dollar General Literacy Grant of $1000 to support youth literacy. It is being used to purchase Wonderbooks (books with technology to allow kids to listen as they read) and children’s books with dyslexia friendly fonts.
* Board did annual review of the list of board member terms and officer terms.

Director K. Henkle gave the Director’s Report. Some highlights:

* August circulation is slightly less than last year, but Libby and Hoopla checkouts are slightly higher.
* Director Henkle received positive support for the early library hours on Fridays.
* VPL staff are brainstorming ideas for collaborations with Vinton-Shellsburg High School.
* Thanks to Walton’s Tree Service for speedy clean-up of tree damage from a storm.
* Children’s Librarian Kellie Roberts has added some updates to the teen space downstairs.
* Two sound garden elements—cattail chimes and a daisy petal drum—will be added to the outside area by the butterfly bench.
* Director Henkle will attend in person training for Notary Publics.
* Escape room will be the last 2 weeks of October.
* Library will host a 30-minute walk on October 1 at noon as part of the Healthiest State Walk.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by M. Spence. 2nd by M. Wilden. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. by W. Bowen.

Jennifer Kreutner

Secretary