

MINOCQUA PUBLIC LIBRARY (MPL) BOARD
NOVEMBER 17, 2025
MINUTES – Approved

Committee Member Present: Kelly Raddatz, Library Director; Kim Widmer, President; Trustees: Pat Pechura, Megan Pflieger, Karen Stinemates, Stephanie Wotachek, and Amanda Zoellner

Absent Members: Lisa Nomm

Public Members: None

Call to Order: Kim Widmer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the MPL history room. The meeting was properly posted and distributed in accordance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility was accessible to those with disabilities.

Verification of Quorum: There was a quorum to conduct business.

Approval of Agenda: All agenda items assumed to be discussion/decision items. **Motion/Second (Pechura/Wotachek)** to approve the agenda as presented. All “aye”, motion carried.

Approval of minutes of October 20, 2025, meeting: Motion/Second (Stinemates/Pflieger) to approve the minutes from October 20, 2025, meeting. All “aye”, motion carried.

Reports - Updates only, no formal action:

- A. Treasurer’s Report - Pat Pechura discussed the treasurer’s report. There will be some variation between the part-time and full-time staff budget lines due to staffing changes throughout the year, and there will be additional computer expenses due to computer upgrades. The overall budget should be good for the end of the year. Pat Pechura also indicated that she will be retiring as treasurer once a new member can be recruited.
- B. Director’s Report - Kelly Raddatz presented the director’s report, including circulation, programming updates, and library issues. The closure of Baker & Taylor is creating challenges for book purchasing and budgeting. A variety of technology upgrades have been completed, are in progress, and will continue in 2026.
- C. Oneida County Library Board (OCLB) - Amanda Zoellner stated that the next OCLB meeting will be on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 1:00 pm in the Oneida County Court House Committee Room #2, second floor. Despite last-minute attempts to cut library funding at the county board budget meeting, funding was approved. The 2026 contract will need to be approved by the MPL board in January.
- D. Minocqua Public Library Foundation (MPLF) - The next MPLF meeting will be on February 17, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the MPL program room. Kelly Raddatz discussed projects in progress including a spring tea party fundraiser, merchandise store, and potential centennial event. Plans for shade structures in the reading garden have been sought as well.

Library Staff Needs: Kelly Raddatz indicated that Jen Davis has stepped into the Assistant Director role. New staff are learning library systems. Overall, staff are looking for efficiencies in their work to best use the staff resources available.

2026 Library Closure Calendar: Motion/Second (Wotachek/Pflieger) to approve the Library Closure Calendar for 2026 as presented. All “aye”, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Next board meeting set for January 26, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the MPL program room.

Adjournment: Motion/Second (Wotachek/Pechura) to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Zoellner