

August 26, 2025
7:00 P.M.
Bowdle Public Library

Board President Stacy Preszler called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM with the following Board Members present: Chad Holsworth, Jennifer Schmierer, Marjean Gab, Michelle Kessel, City Council Representative Amber Shaykett, and Librarian Lydia Schnaible.

A motion was made by Marjean and seconded by Chad to approve the June meeting minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

The financial reports for the months of June and July were available from City F/O. Financials were reviewed and discussed. Last year's Pheasant Phest money is in a CD that will be available to use in December. The library will allow the Finance Officer to use this money to supplement the budget when the money is available. Motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Jennifer to accept financial reports and pay bills. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report: Visitor numbers are up. The library was busy this summer.

Old Business:

- Summer Reading went well. Participation as follows: 31 elementary students Pre-K through 4th grade, 17 Buddy Readers that read with the elementary students, 7 Library School (3 and 4-year olds), 12 teens, 30 adults. They read a combined total of 54,062 minutes which is the equivalent of 901 hours. Total participation between all weeks and ages was 433.
- Lydia will be gone Oct. 1-3 to the SDLA Conference in Grand Forks. Joline will be volunteering and keeping the library open those days.
- Storybook Land Theatre and spaghetti supper went well. \$2,819 was raised for the Bowdle Friends of the Library.

New Business:

- The Emergency Plan was reviewed and changes discussed. Motion was made by Chad and seconded by Jennifer to approve and revise the Emergency Plan as discussed.
- Library School, afterschool programs and adult programs are starting in September.
- The Annual Mini Art Show is planned for November 10th.
- Library Board discussed 2026 potential budget with City Council Rep. Amber Shaykett. Amber will contact the Finance Officer and ask for a possible estimate of what the next year's budget will be so the Library Board can draft a budget out on what they would like to see the library's budget be for next year.
- The library received a letter from the State Librarian stating their accreditation status was renewed and he will be delivering the certificate to the library in the coming months. Lydia reported that in 2024 there were 130 public library outlets. Only 30 were accredited libraries, Bowdle being one of them.

The next library board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the library. A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Chad to adjourn at 7:52 PM.

Lydia Schnaible, Library Director