Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
Date: 10/15/2026
Location: HAL Community Room

Trustees Attending in person:
Gary Sheffer (President), Dani French (Vice President), Michael Grisham (Treasurer), Jim Kelly (Secretary), Aaron Able, Jessica Almeleh-Frazer, Miranda Barry, Katie Konigsberg, Jared Muehlbauer, Kylah Perez, Carol Pledger, Heather Thiry

Excused: Jill Turner, Kelley Robinson, Sean Gilleran, Sharon Javna

Staff Attending: Emily Chameides (Director)

Others Attending: N/A

The meeting was called to order by Gary Sheffer at 6:02 pm. He welcomed trustees.

A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Michael Grisham and seconded by Carol Pledger. The vote to approve minutes was unanimous.

Reports

President's Report: Gary Sheffer
Gary reminded Trustees to complete their required yearly trustee education this year, with the goal of completion by the end of November.

A motion was made to enter executive session by Miranda Barry at 6:03pm and seconded by Dani French to discuss matters related to the Hudson Armory building.

A motion to exit the executive session was made by Aaron Able at 6:45pm and seconded by Kylah Perez.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Grisham
Through September, we collected 88% of our annual budgeted operating income and spent 65% of our budgeted operating expenses. Total receipts were $73,845 for the month. Total expenses were $104,065 for the month. Notable in Income for the month: In Unrestricted grants, $2,500 from a family fund. In Restricted Grants, $2,000 from MHLS for disaster preparedness supplies.

A motion was made to approve the October Treasurer's Report by Kellen Henry and seconded by Jared Muehlbauer. The vote to approve the report was unanimous.

A motion was made to approve the September Profit & Loss Detail by Jim Kelly and seconded by Miranda Barry. The vote to approve the Profit & Loss Detail was unanimous.

Director's Report: Emily Chameides
Emily provided staffing coverage and coordination, programming, collections, grant initiative and other library updates.

Ghostly Gallop Committee: Kylah Perez
Kylah provided upcoming event related updates.

414 Initiative: Aaron Able
Aaron provided 414 initiative related updates.

Fundraising Committee: Miranda Barry
Developing a calendar and brochure materials for the upcoming year. Volunteers and participation in the committee is welcome. Miranda discussed effective donorship strategy and initiative planning.

Board Development Committee: Carol Pledger
Carol provided board development updates. An interested candidate for the Board and for the Treasurer role will attend the November board meeting.

History Room Committee: Gary Sheffer
Gary provided History Room events and exhibits and noted openness to any exhibit ideas in the upcoming year. Gary noted that we are moving ahead on upcoming events and exhibits and a sign for the History Room.

Long Range Plan Committee: Kellen Henry
Kellen reminded the board of a request to share the survey with community members and provided other long range planning updates.

Advocacy: Jared Muehlbauer
Jared provided current advocacy opportunity updates.

Public comment:

Motion to adjourn was made at 07:18 pm by Dani French and seconded by Aaron Able. The vote to adjourn was passed unanimously.

Jim Kelly, 10/15/26	
Recording Secretary	**Date of approval**