August 2026 Meeting Minutes
Approved: September 24, 2026

Jane Mestach

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Sandy Wingard

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Darlene Byland

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Andy Hostetter

Philip Lechlitner

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Sue Myers

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Jared Coblentz

Wakarusa Public Library
Board Minutes
August 27, 2026

Board Members Present: Jane Mestach, Darlene Byland, Phil Lechlitner, Sue Myers, Sandy Wingard, Matt Bowers, Library Director.
Absent: Jared Coblentz, Andy Hostetter

Jane Mestach called the meeting to order at 5:35.

Minutes of the July 2026 board meeting were reviewed and amended to read June minutes instead of May. Motion was made by Sue Myers to accept the amended minutes, second by Darlene Byland and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:
Report was reviewed and motion made by Phil Lechlitner to accept the report and pay the bills, seconded by Jane Mestach and the motion carried.

Director's Report

Budget Information: Matt met with our DLGF representative at the annual Budget Workshop on July 30, who saw no problems with the then proposed budget. Matt learned that the projected Cost of Living increase is projected to be 3.9% and subsequently he prepared a budget draft providing the possibility of a 3.9% increase for the staff. The Board will review the proposed budget at the next meeting.

Staffing: Matt reported that he will begin posting/reviewing applications to fill one of two part-time positions for staff. He feels confident that the budget can support the addition of 2 part-time staff.

Circulation Policy: In July the Board approved a new Circulation Policy with a full implementation date of 2/01/27. At a scheduled meeting with a Sirsi team member on 8/03/26, the necessary changes were able to be made thus fully implementing the new policy at that time.

Furnace: Crist Plumbing and Heating completed installation of the new furnaces on 8/10/26.

Memorial/Donation Policy (draft provided) to be reviewed and /or adopted at the 9/24 meeting.

Decision Items

Due to replacing twinned furnaces, Phil Lechlitner made a motion to transfer $3000 from the appropriation Print to the appropriation Furniture and Equipment. Motion was seconded by Sandy Wingard and carried.

Approval of Bonds for Board President

Annually at this meeting the Board needs to approve the bond for the Board president so that individual as able to sign checks for the library. The bond, $5000, is filed with the County Recorder by state law at a cost of $100. A motion was made by Sue Myers and seconded by Phil Lechlitner and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Jane Mestach at 6:05.
Next meeting is September 24, 2026 at 5:50 p.m.
Sandy Wingard, acting secretary