

The Paden City Library Board of Trustees held the first meeting of 2026 on January 20. Present were library director Danielle Ice-Davis, Rick Bertozzi, Margaret Sine, Barbara Slider, and president Joanna Casto, who convened the meeting. Following the reading of the minutes of the November meeting, motion was made by Margaret Sine, second by Rick Bertozzi, to approve. Motion passed. The monthly financial statement was also approved following a motion by Margaret Sine and a second by Barbara Slider.

Library director's report: Under upcoming events, the library will participate in Take Your Child to the Library Day early in February. The prepared 5-Year Plan will be resent to members to read over. Newly-formatted policy manuals were presented to each board member. CDARS held at Union Bank currently: two in the amounts of \$47,600.74 and \$13,560.67, and a new one for \$45,476.80. Three books by local children's authors are going through the necessary processing. WVLA membership has been renewed. Streamline, which hosts the library website, has changed hands, with what has been a smooth transition to Civic Plus.

Business: The library's security camera system, purchased about 2017, is failing, and replacement is needed. Currently, there are 5 inside cameras and 3 outside. The director presented information about a number of options. She will continue the research process to identify what system will best suit the library's needs, and the board will be ready to make a decision at the February meeting. She will also follow up on a suggestion that she purchase a step ladder for better access to top shelves.

The unfilled board seat remains empty, so additional suggestions will be pursued.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Bertozzi and seconded by Barbara Slider. Meeting adjourned.

Barbara Slider, Secretary