Talcott Free Library Board Meeting **Monday, May 18, 2026**

Present: D. Garlow, R. Geddeis, G. Kovanda, H. Lombardo, T. Garlow, N. Kelley, M. Lindt
Members of the Public: 44
The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Kovanda. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
The Director made a personal statement. A copy is included as part of the record.
Public Comment: 6

Secretary's Report:
R. Geddeis moved, and D. Garlow seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 2026 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:
N. Kelley moved, and G. Kovanda seconded to approve the treasurer report. Passed unanimously.

Librarian's Report:
T. Garlow moved, and R. Geddeis seconded, to approve this report and the payment of current bills. Motion was approved unanimously.
Director's update: Upgraded from QuickBooks Desktop to QuickBooks Enterprise Gold, started working on resources for the policy committee regarding materials selection, oversaw annual testing for the fire system, backflow system, and dumbwaiter, reached out to Hannah at L&A for an updated audit proposal, held our all-staff meeting regarding summer reading—also discussed the increased levels of work due to the closure of Roscoe and renovations at SB, started work on an extensive FOIA request concerning communication between myself and others for 09/15/25-05/08/26 about a number of topics. Attended 13 online classes/webinars, and attended 3 In-person conferences/meetings.

Building and Grounds report:
1) Exterminator report - slab ants extermination in process, 2) Roofing update - work ongoing

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business

New Business:
1) H. Lombardo moved, M. Lindt seconded to approve the Lauterbach & Amen audit proposal and authorizes Director Gove to sign. 2) Discussion/Review of Working Budget FY 2027
Closed Session: R. Geddeis moved to close the meeting pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), to discuss employment matters of specific employees. N. Kelley seconded the motion. Unanimous approval by roll call vote. Session closed at 7:51 p.m. T. Garlow moved, and N. Kelley seconded, to reopen the meeting. Roll call vote approved this motion unanimously. Closed session ended at 9:03 p.m.
G. Kovanda stated that no action was taken by the board.

Adjournment: T. Garlow moved, M. Lindt seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. Adjournment at 9:05 pm. Submitted by H. Lombardo, Secretary