

**Daniel Pierce Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 19, 2026**

A meeting of the Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library was called to order at 7:05pm with President Mari Martin presiding. Other Trustees present were Patricia Doogan, Scott Allison, Cathy Coombe, Jared Larsen, Bill Richardson, Leanore Egan and Laura Denman. Also present was Cathy Russo, Library Manager.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and approved as presented Motion carried

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Financial Reports: The Board reviewed the financial statements for the month of July with slight fluctuations in checking account balances. The balance sheets and building fund reports were similar to the previous month. There was a large donation made to the Building Fund. Operating and income expenses were also similar to previous months with the exception of fundraising income of \$1560. It was moved by C Coombe and seconded by L Egan to approve the reports for July. Motion carried.

Director's Report: C Russo presented the Director's report for July into August. She highlighted activities and programs sponsored by the library. The Summer reading program was a great success. There were at least 6 events held in July and early August. The full Director's report is attached. She added that she has received many compliments about the shrubs being removed from the front stonewall and entryways.

Old Business: President Martin reported that the new sign is finished, but the creator/artist has had setbacks and is busy, so the installation will be early September.

New Business: C Russo reported that sales of strawberry shortcake, raffle tickets and book sales were all higher than previous years.

C Russo proposed moving the culmination of monthly surplus operating funds to the DPL Building Fund. It was moved by B Richardson and seconded by S Allison to transfer \$30,000 of surplus operating funds to the DPL Building Fund. Motion carried.

Committee Updates:

1. **Giant Pumpkin Party** – most GPP components have been scheduled. B Richardson has prepared the DOT Parade permit will be entered online soon. He has spoken with a representative from DOT, Supervisor Mathews, and the Sheriff's office. Laura Denman reported on progress of the parade and float registration. Local fire departments have been invited.
2. **Garden Committee:** M Martin reported that the juniper bushes on the stone wall have been removed, and tree limbs covering the air intake screens at the back of the building have been trimmed. River rock will be used in some areas instead of mulch.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Coombe,
Recording Secretary