

Submitted by Carol Lichtenberg - Alta Library Board Secretary

Alta Community Library Board Minutes September 10, 2026 Meeting

Call to Order by Board President, Bruce Hinkeldey at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Director - Gigi Nelson, Board Members - Bruce Hinkeldey, Willa Casstevens, Carol Lichtenberg, Colleen Carlson-Konop, Colleen Schwanz - Board Members

Absent: Anne Iehl - Board Member

Visitors: Mary Pedersen - Co-Chair for the Alta Friends of the Library Steering Committee, Pam Henderson, City Council

After welcoming the visitors, the agenda was unanimously approved following a motion by Colleen Schwanz and seconded by Colleen Carlson-Konop.

The Library Relocation Discussion and Steering Committee Discussion focused on the following –

The mailing pieces requesting donations are almost ready for final approval. Laurens House of Print will be used for this mailing and timing will probably be the last week of October or first week of November. The word is being put out to all area churches and on our Friends of the Library Facebook page asking for pie donations and a sign up sheet is in the library. Miscellaneous fundraisers are being discussed and planned.

The August board meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved following a motion by Willa Casstevens and seconded by Colleen Schwanz.

The election of officers for the library board is as follows: (note that these persons will take over for the October meeting)

Carol Lichtenberg was nominated for President by Colleen Schwanz and seconded by Willa Casstevens, unanimously approved.

Colleen Carlson-Konop was nominated for Vice President by Colleen Schwanz and seconded by Carol Lichtenberg, unanimously approved.

Colleen Schwanz was nominated for Secretary by Willa Casstevens and seconded by Carol Lichtenberg, unanimously approved.

The August Statistical Reports and August Revenue and Expense Reports were reviewed and accepted.

Noted items - Current enrollment in Dolly Parton Imagination Library is 96 and there is over \$4,000.00 funding for this program's postage expense. Program attendance and patrons remains steady, children's books continue to be weeded and program calendars are again going home with the students

Following a motion by Colleen Carlson-Konop and seconded by Colleen Schwanz, the August bills were approved.

Old Business:

Bruce Hinkeldey reported that he, Carol Lichtenberg, Reagan Lauderdale and Linda Pickett did meet at City Hall on September 1st, answering many questions about why the park is the agreed upon best location, funding efforts, etc. On a recommendation by the mayor, the "footprint" of the library will be staked out and visible during the ribbon cutting for the new pickle ball court. The park board will meet on Sept. 22nd and these

two park board members indicated that following the ribbon cutting and the article in the newsletter (which updates the public on fundraising and reiterates the location of the library), it should work to place the sign in the park. If this does not go through, then the library board will meet and go directly to the council with meeting minutes in hand, asking the council to give their approval on placing the sign at the park before winter.

Gigi reported that the Direct Aid/Enrich Iowa applications are being completed to receive refunds from the State FY27 direct aid, Interlibrary Loan and open access activities. (\$2032.18 allowed for FY26 through Enrich Iowa). The State report is also due soon and is in progress.

New Business:

Gigi reviewed the Director's Report. The library is working with Alta Elementary and presenting an after school program once a month, coordinating this with Jen Marshall. There is also now a work-based learning training agreement signed with the A-A school and we have one person taking advantage of this program. Also the library is going to be working with the Partners In Excellence program with the TK teacher at Alta Elementary.

The Alta Fire Chief has approved the library VFW location based on his latest inspection on 9/2/26.

Gigi is looking into the Buena Vista County Foundation Grant for the library.

Tech support - We revisited the need for tech support and will contact Advanced Network Professionals (ANP) from Spencer again to get an updated quote on support, firewall, etc. The board felt that we do need to move forward and have tech support if it is affordable.

The ILA State Conference is Oct. 7-9 in Cedar Rapids. Gigi is planning to attend.

Future library events - Book Sale on 9/28/26, Hometown Celebration Days 10/3 - Library table with face painting, games and surveys directed toward teen wants/needs.

Following a motion by Carol Lichtenberg and seconded by Colleen Carlson-Konop, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Alta Community Library Board will be at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 8th, 2026 at the library.