Guttenberg Library Board Meeting
October 27, 2026 – 5:00 PM
Guttenberg Public Library
Minutes ***DRAFT***

1) Call to order
The meeting of the Guttenberg Library Board was called to order on October 27, 2026, at 5:01pm by Library Board Member President Tom Hausler. The trustee members attending were Lisa Finch, Robin Bauer, Sue Reindl, Tom Hausler, and Gail Larson along with Library Director Katey Simon.

2) Approve minutes from September 29, 2026 meeting
Minutes from the 9/29/26 meeting were read. Bauer made the motion to approve the minutes and Larson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3) Policy Review
This item was tabled and will be dealt with at a later time.

4) Board Member Candidates
At the time of the meeting no one had applied and the position will be advertised again.

5) Library Budget
The City of Guttenberg will be sending out budget worksheets late November/early December and the city budget workshop will be held 1/18/27 at 5PM. It was decided to hold a special board meeting at 5PM on December 8th to work on the library budget.

6) Guttenberg Bible appraisal
The report on the Bible's value has not been received yet but suggestions for display and upkeep have come in from Giselle Simón from the University of Iowa.

7) City and software company
The City is reverting back to the software that they previously used and the Library was informed that we will be responsible for our portion of the annual fee.

8) Raise concrete
The bad spots have been marked and companies have been called for estimates. Due to the late date, nothing will be done until spring.

9) Rural Library Grant Program update
Simon informed the board that we received the grant and she is working on programs to use the money.

10) Public Library annual survey
Simon has completed the survey and submitted it.

11) Iowa Library Association Conference
Simon gave an update on the conference which she attended.

12) Tangeman Endowment Report

Simon provided an update regarding the Tangeman Endowment. The balance as of Sept 1, 2026 was $94,293.74 and the balance as of Sept 30, 2026 was $91,848.17.

13) Library Foundation update
The foundation is sponsoring the program Founding Mothers on November 10th.

14) Clayton County Library Association update
The association merchandise sale ends October 31, 2026.

15) September Library Report for Board and City
Simon provided the September Library report for review.

16) Upcoming Library events
Simon provided a list of upcoming library events for review.

17) Approve Library Expenditures
The board reviewed and approved the library's expenditures.

18) Set date for next meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

19) Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Larson and seconded by Finch. The motion carried.