

**Alvah N. Belding Memorial Library**  
302 East Main Street, Belding Michigan 48809

**Regular Meeting of the Alvah N. Belding Library Board**  
**Library Board Minutes from August 24, 2020**

**Library Board Members Present:** Kathy Lehman, Annette Visser, David Riches, Carla Gunderson, Jan Lamborne

**Director present:** Britney Dillon

**Mayor present:** Brad Miller, Council Liason

**Guests Present:** Betty Jenkins

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Kathy Lehman at 5:32.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made by Annette Visser and supported by Carla Gunderson to accept the agenda as presented. Roll called and motion carried.
3. **Approval of the Minutes:**  
A motion was made by Kathy Lehman supported by Annette Visser to approve the June 22, 2020 minutes.  
A motion was made by Annette Visser and supported my Kathy Lehman to approve the February 24, 2020 minutes that were not available at the last meeting.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Library Reports:** Director's Report, Youth Services Report, Circulation Report, Donations Report and Monthly Financial Report were all reviewed. These reports were received for filing.  
**Comments on Reports:**  
**Director's Report:** The new shed installation was discussed.  
Landscaping has been delayed because of the availability of materials needed, due to Covid-19.  
Donations money will be used for cubicles.  
Curbside pick-up has really increased, service is now available Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 12:00 a.m.  
Betty Jenkins has been delivering books to people not able to get to the library.  
The patrons are very appreciative and have given donations to the library.  
Penal fines are down.
6. **Notice of Paid Bills:**  
A motion was made by Carla Gunderson and supported by Annette Visser to pay the bills for July 2020. Roll was called and the motion passed.
7. **Communication and Correspondence:** Newspaper articles.

## 8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Third-Party Agreement – Britney Dillon is still waiting for response from John Niemela. Brad Miller said it is being honored like it has been approved.
- b. We are in a phased reopening – no more than 10 people at a time in the library.
- c. We are aiming for stage 2 so the library could be open possibly M,W, F from 1 – 5, possible counter service, could pick up books and ask reference questions. Patrons would not be able to wander in the library.
- d. Appointments for computer use could be made for 30 minutes at a time, only 4 people at a time. Toys would be put away.
- e. The library will aim for Stage 2 on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> or Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 weeks after Labor Day. Word will slowly be put out on the reopening.
- f. Kelly has games on Facebook: Read Around World & Beanstack.

## 9. New Business:

- a. The fall schedule will remain online for Adults & Youth. There will be Make & Take activities available.
- b. Friends of the Library have canceled both the Murder Mystery & the Candlelight event. They are hoping to have a silent auction online. They have talked about having a Spring Gala and are hoping for an April book sale.
- c. The staff is doing well and keeping very busy.
- d. Death records for the 50's & 60's have been found in the library and will be digitalized.

## 10. Public Comment: None

## 11. Trustee Comments:

- a. **Annette Visser** – All my questions were answered today and I am glad everyone is staying healthy.
- b. **Carla Gunderson**: No comment.
- c. **David Riches**: No comment.
- d. **Jan Lamborne**: No literacy events are planned at Ellis School this year.
- e. **Kathy Lehman**: Discussion about: Bookcases? They will be white oak. Grand Rapids Foundation, online genealogy club and Ancestry is still free.

**Brad Miller** gave us an update about things going on in the city: All Labor Day activities have been canceled. Contracts for police & fire department. Belding will be getting a new fire truck. The trees are out of the way for the lookout. Rite Aid will happen, it is all about timing because of Covid-19. The basketball courts are finished and if all goes well, the tennis courts may get the same treatment. The kayak launch is completed. There have been many Zoom meetings. Communication is key -we need to work together as a community and keep positive.

**11: Motion to adjourn** was made by Kathy Lehman and seconded by Carla Gunderson  
At 6:40 p.m.. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Lamborne  
Library Board of Trustees Secretary