

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 October 26, 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 5:34 and roll call.
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 Minutes:** A motion was made by Annette Visser and supported by Kathy Lehman to approve the August 24, 2020 minutes, since we did not meet in September.
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.
 - a. **Comments on Reports:**
 - Youth Services:** Kathy Lehman asked about how things are going with Battle of the Books and discussion followed. All members were impressed with virtual reponse from patrons from programs being offered. There are lots of things going on with digital.
 - Donations Report:** Since donation money is healthy, Britney will look into flooring for downstairs youth room.
6. **Notice of Paid Bills:**

A motion was made by Carla Gunderson and supported by Annette Visser to pay the August, 2020 bills. Roll was called and the motion

6. passed. It was noted that the utilities were down a little due to Covid-19.

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7. Communication and Correspondence:

Newspaper articles. It was noted that there was a very nice article about Betty Jenkins.

8. Unfinished Business:

a. Britney had nothing new to report about Third Party Agreement. Brad Miller said that John Niemela will meet with the lawyer tomorrow. Brad said he would follow up.

b. Phased Re-Opening Covid-19

Britney is pleased with the way things are going and what the staff is doing.

Patrons are very respectful.

She is confident that we're doing everything we can to keep safe.

Virtual book tours, short videos, about what is new and what is available. Amanda has also created a virtual bookshelf.

We're currently in Phase 3.

Phase 1 - completely closed

Phase 2 - curbside - additional service that could be continued.

Phase 3 - library open 3 days a week.

Britney will update the ANBL Covid-19 Phased Reopening Plan 2020.

c. There is no adult book club yet.

9. New Business:

a. Evaluation Committee will meet before next month's meeting.

b. Hoopla Virtual Program: Patrons 3 per month, maybe 5 for December. Lots of children's content. \$1,000.00 budgeted
So far 18 people have used the service

- c. **Library Web page:**
Digital, Facebook, books for 3 weeks, simultaneous checkout
10. **Public Comment:**
Brad Miller announced that this would be his last meeting. He gave each board member a personal thank you note, thanking us for our dedication to the library board and the city.
Brad also gave an update on events in the city:
We did not cancel Labor Day, Halloween or Christmas.
Labor Day - 28 teams for road rally, 35 for virtual run & food trucks were very popular.
Beatnik Bazaar 4 showings, 96 vendors, good turnout
Good Neighbor Award - Holly Craycraft for her work on Denny Craycraft Memorial Park & head of Project Graduation.
Firefighters contract approved.
Working on new fire truck.
Future - Lagoons forgotten for many years, need to address.
KMI finally settled.
11. **Trustee Comments:**
Annette Visser: I appreciate all the things Britney does.
Carla Gunderson: I am impressed with the way things are going.
David Riches: What do hear from Brownell about landscaping? We will wait until spring. What about the shed? It is here, can't get treated wood yet, so will put up in the spring.
Jan Lamborne: I'm impressed with all the work the staff is doing.
Kathy Lehman: Mural refurbishing, could it go on? Britney will contact.
12. **Motion to adjourn** was made by Annette Visser and seconded by Carla Gunderson. Roll was called & motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:25.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 16, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Lamborne
Library Board Secretary