**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 23, 2021**

**Library Board Members Present:** Carla Gunderson, Jan Lamborne, Annette Visser

**Director:** Britney Dillon

**City Council Liaison:** Bonita Steele, absent

**Guests Present:** Betty Jenkins, Sherri Hughes

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Carla Gunderson at 5:31 and roll was called.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:**  A motion was made by Annette Visser and supported by Jan Lamborne to accept the agenda as presented. Roll called and motion carried.

1. **Approval of the Minutes:**

A motion was made by Annette Visser and supported by Carla Gunderson to approve the

May minutes. Roll was called and the motion passed.

1. **Public Comment:** None
2. **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.

* 1. **Comments on Reports**

Power issues, Britney Dillon is not sure why, it usually happens in the winter.

Youth Services – Betsy Garter is back after a medical leave – she will be here 3 days this week and 3 days next week. Barbara Root really stepped up and did a great job. Emily did a nice job assisting.

The library is slowly getting back to normal. In September Barbara has a program planned for teens.

Adults – Kelly is planning a program for the adults in the fall, too.

Summer Reading – There was good participation numbers for the Summer Reading Programs. A lot of people completed the program, children as well as adults. The adults were pleased with the reading prizes.

Circulation report – People count is up by 1,000 people.

Hoopla – we pay ahead for this program. Audio books and music seem to be very popular.

Donations Report – we have been very fortunate to receive so many wonderful donations.

1. **Notice of Paid Bills:**

A motion was made by Annette Visser and supported by Jan Lamborne to pay the bills for June, 2021. Roll was called and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Annette Visser and supported by Carla Gunderson to pay the bills for July, 2021. Roll was called and the motion passed,

* 1. **Comments on bills:**

Britney Dillon ordered 2 new bookshelves for the library. The Friends will be paying for one of them.

1. **Communication and Correspondence:**

Betty Jenkins newspaper articles

1. **Unfinished Business:**

Phased reopening:

Britney Dillon stated that there is not much to say different from information in the Director’s Report.

Mask issues – the library will follow the Ionia County Health Department Guidelines. Staff continues to

wear masks.

The evening Adult Book Club will be welcomed in September. The Senior Book Club meets on Thursday

mornings.

After Labor Day we look forward to being in the last phase of reopening.

Some things will continue, such as the Make & Take for kids and the Kid’s World Make& Takes.

Staff will be reading to Faith Preschool & Kindergarten classes once a month. Britney is still waiting to hear

From 8-Cap. Staff will be present safely in the community. We are hoping for a presence in the Beatnik

Bazaar in September.

1. **New Business:**

Board vacancies:

A motion was made by Carla Gunderson and supported by Annette Visser to accept Sherri Hughes

application for becoming a Library Trustee on the Library Board. Roll was called and all members

agreed.

A motion was made by Annette Visser and supported by Carla Gunderson to invite Thomas Cameron to attend the September meeting. Roll was called and all members agreed.

A motion by Annette Visser and supported by Carla Gunderson was made to decline accepting Ron Deveraux as a Board Member, at this time. Roll was called and the motion carried.

1. **Public Comment: None**

11. **Trustee Comments:**

1. **Annette Visser: None** .
2. **Carla Gunderson:**  I’m glad life is getting back to normal
3. **Jan Lamborne:** Welcome to the Board Sherri.

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12**.** **Motion to adjourn** at 6:19 p.m. was made by Carla Gunderson and seconded by Jan Lamborne.Roll was

called and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Lamborne

Library Board of Trustees Secretary