**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 November 15, 2021**

**Library Board Members Present:** Carla Gunderson, Jan Lamborne, Annette Visser, Sherri Hughes, Thomas Cameron

**Director:** Britney Dillon

**City Council Liaison:** Ron Gunderson

**Guests Present:** None

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Carla Gunderson at 5:34 and roll was called.
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.

1. **Approval of the Minutes:**

A motion was made by Annette Visser and supported by Sherri Hughes to approve the

October 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**

Britney Dillon stated that at the Lakeland meeting last week there was some discussion about censuring library materials. We have had no issues here, so the discussion was to make us aware of things that are happening in other libraries. If it were to happen, there is a process in place to address the issue.

Sam King has been in to work on the mural, but he may not have it completed in time for the Candlelight event. He will be paid from our Building Improvement Fund or Capital Fund.

Justin Zank, from JZ Electric, will have a crew here to work on the upstairs lighting next week – November 22 – 24th. The library will remain open while they are working.

Britney Dillon wrote a grant to focus on early elementary reading. She plans to use the grant funds for book boxes to be checked out monthly containing fiction, non-fiction, and literacy activities for 3-5th grade reading. We should hear whether we receive the grant by the end of February.

Kelly Worden is currently working on a project related to local history. She is also starting up the Adult Genealogy group again, as well as other adult programs.

Sherrie Hughes brought it to our attention that the Children’s October Programing attendance sub-total should be 51 instead of 61. Therefore, the total for In-person programming should be 97 rather than 107.

Circulation – things have really moved up since we are open more.

1. **Notice of Paid Bills:**

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

* 1. **Comments on bills:**

Britney Dillon stated that the good news is that the state will be releasing 2 large grants, hopefully we will be getting money back. Possibly it will be used to increase digital collections and non-fiction job (trades) books.

The Library Network will provide programing kits.

1. **Communication and Correspondence:** Betty’s news articles
2. **Unfinished Business:**

Britney Dillon said that nothing is new with Covid, everything is in full operation.

The staff is still masking.

1. **New Business:** 
   1. Director’s evaluation

The board went into Closed Session at 5:58 p.m. and met in Open Session at 6:17 p.m.

1. **Public Comment:** None
2. **Trustee Comments:**
   1. **Annette Visser:** What is happening with the old chairs? Britney stated that she is planning to offer

other libraries the opportunity to purchase them as well as the empty bookshelf.

Annette also mentioned that the front door to the library needs refinishing – it

Is slated to be done in the spring.

* 1. **Carla Gunderson:** None
  2. **Jan Lamborne:** None

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* 1. **Thomas Cameron:** None

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* 1. **Sherri Hughes:** Would it be possible to purchase new pictures to rent out? Britney stated that

it is on her agenda for next year.

12**.** **Motion to adjourn:** At 6:34p.m. was made by Annette Visser and supported by Carla Gunderson .Roll was

called and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Lamborne

Library Board of Trustees Secretary