**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 24, 2022**

**Library Board Members Present:** Carla Gunderson, Jan Lamborne, Thomas Cameron, Kathy Lehman

**Director:** Britney Dillon

**City Council Liaison:**  Ron Gunderson

**Guests Present:** Betty Jenkins

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Carla Gunderson at 5:33 and roll was called.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:**  A motion was made by Kathy Lehman and supported by Carla Gunderson to accept the agenda as presented.   Roll was called and the motion carried.

1. **Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Jan Lamborne and supported by Carla Gunderson  to approve the September minutes as presented.  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.

**Comments on Reports:**

1. **Director’s Report**: We have completed all the big projects.  The roof gutter cleaning will be done and the building is in good shape.  There was a question about the library podcasts.  They are

designed to showcase the library happenings.  They will feature Book News, Reader’s Advisory and

events available.  The podcasts will be available on Apple, Google, the Library Website and YouTube.

They will be presented bi-weekly and each will feature a different genre.  The first episode will be posted tonight and will focus on Fantasy, it will last just under an hour.  Five new episodes will come

out before the end of the year.

2nd episode:  Horror

3rd episode:  Gothic Literature

4th episode:  Holiday

5th episode:  New Years

Britney Dillon is very pleased with the digital growth that our library is making.  We also have a new White Pine Hoopla website.

Michelle McMaster is doing a fabulous job with the adult programs.  She has a Goodreads display in the upstairs lobby to entice readers.  She is using social media and has been using Facebook to encourage participation in the programs being offered for adults.  All the Board Members had a recipe book included with their board packet this month that came from the Recipe Exchange Program.

1. **Youth Services Report**: It was a good month.  Barbara Root had a henna class for the tweens and teens.  She has great communication with  parents.  This week will be trick-or-treating.
2. **Circulation Report:** Circulation is down a little bit, however, the digital numbers are still holding

      strong.

1. **Monthly Financial Reports:** The expenditure for the flooringa little more than expected because

of the asbestos issue.

1. **Donations:** None

1. **Notice of Paid Bills:**

A motion was made by Carla Gunderson and supported by Jan Lamborne to pay the bills for September, 2022.  Roll was called and the motion passed.

**Comments on bills**:  None

1. **Communication and Correspondence:**

**a.** Betty’s news articles.

1. **Unfinished Business:**

**a.   Intellectual Freedom:** A Colorado Library Board has voted to ban book bans stating that the board     cannot “censor, suppress,remove, monitor or place age restrictions on ideas or information in our public library,” effectively banning book bans.

Our board had a good discussion about this.  Britney Dillon feels that we have a good handle on what our community needs are.  We also had a discussion about the Ionia library millage and how it will affect our library and others in the county.  We should be fine even if Ionia does not pass their millage.

**b.  Director Evaluation:** The evaluation will take place at the next meeting.

1. **New Business:**

**a.** None

1. **Public Comment:**

   Ron Gunderson gave the Library Board a very detailed update about what is happening with the City

       Council.

1. **Trustee Comments:** 
   1. **Carla Gunderson:** My term is up on December 31, 2022 and I will not be re-upping.
   2. **Jan Lamborne**:  A huge thank you to Carla Gunderson for her leadership as Library Board

President.  We appreciate all you have done for the board over your 9 year run.  Thank you to

Ron Gunderson for doing an excellent job as our City Council Liaison.

**c.   Thomas Cameron:** A shout out to Chloe Spencer for help with the minutes.

**d.   Sherri Hughes:** Absent

**e.   Kathy Lehman:** None

1. **Motion to adjourn** at 6:38 p.m. was made by Carla Gunderson and supported by Kathy Lehman.

 Roll was called and the motion passed.

Our next scheduled Library Board meeting will be on November 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Lamborne,  Library Board of Trustees Secretary