**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 22, 2022**

**Library Board Members Present:** Carla Gunderson, Jan Lamborne, Sherri Hughes, 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 5:30 and roll was called.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:**  A motion was made by Carla Gunderson and supported by Sherri Hughes to accept the agenda as presented. Roll was called and the motion carried.
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Thomas Cameron and supported by Kathy Lehman to approve the June minutes as presented. Roll was called and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Kathy Lehman and supported by Thomas Cameron to approve the June Closed Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll was called and the motion carried.

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:**

**Director’s Report**: If the new flooring isn’t installed by September 12, it will be installed after the Friends Book Sale to be held September 21 - 23.

There has been some leakage that is going to be repaired.

The Boilers are ordered.

There was a lot of discussion about the Patmos Library Millage not passing in August, due to the library not taking specific materials off the shelves of the library. The situation is a big deal. The staff of the library needs support. The biggest issue for not getting the Patmos Millage passed was misinformation. It will be on the ballot in November. If it does not pass the library would have no director and would lose funding to keep the library open. If the library closes, the people in Jamestown will not have library access. They would have to apply for non-resident library cards for surrounding libraries. We have not had any specific issues in Belding. Any good library has books on their shelves for anyone who comes into the library.

Ionia’s library was voted down again.

Britney Dillon will send the board members a link from the Michigan Library Association called Navigating Material Challengers for Library Trustees.

Britney attended the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Britney stated that she is very pleased with her staff. We have never had library pages before. Currently:

**Pages**: Ashlynn Parker words upstairs 2 hours a day. Mya Meinke works downstairs 2 hours a day.

**Clerks:** Chloe Spencer has worked previously with her mom in the library and she has a techie background. Avery Chaney has volunteered here for a year and a half and is now a clerk. Kate Pugliah is also clerking.

**Adult Programs:** Michelle McMaster is settling in nicely.

**General comments:** The library has a Comfort Cabinet with hygiene products. At some point,

a Snack Cabinet will be added in the Teen Area.

**Youth Services Report**: We have had great programs. In September, programming will be

minimal due to the Book Sale and the flooring installation. During the Summer Reading

Program, the children enjoyed visits from Therapy Dogs Ritz and Loly from the local schools.

**Circulation Report:** Hoopla will not be listed on the report. The circulation numbers are great.

**Donations Report:** None

**Monthly Financial Reports:** The revenue and expense report looks different because the budget is not in it. All Amazon purchases are made by either Britney Dillon or Betty Jenkins.

1. **Notice of Paid Bills:**

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

A motion was made by Sherri Hughes and supported by Carla Gunderson to pay the bills for

July, 2022. Roll was called and the motion passed.

**Comments on bills**: None

1. **Communication and Correspondence:** 
   1. Betty’s news articles.
   2. Letter from Ann Bromley
2. **Unfinished Business:**

**a.** The chairs will be for sale this month (August) selling for $5.00 per chair.

**b.** The Boilers are ordered.

**c.** The flooring will be installed in September.

1. **New Business:**

**a.** Fall Programming:

**Harvest Party** Monday, October 3rd, 5:00 - 7:00. This will be a family event and possibly teens

will participate.

**Grateful Gathering** Monday, November 7th, 5:00 - 7:00. This event will be a drop in dinner.

**Friends Candlelight** Monday, November 28th, 7:00 - 9:00. Start thinking about Basket

Donations - encourage anyone you know who would like to donate a basket. Betty Jenkins said

we have extra postcards, we could pass them out to community members to encourage basket

donations.

**Holiday Party** Wednesday, December 14th. Police Officers will be honored, Santa will be there,

and there will be cupcake decorating. There will also be an adult craft with Michelle McMaster.

Other comments: Michelle McMaster’s husband installed new cameras with microphones for us.

The new stove is installed in the kitchen.

Sherri Hughes said the Friends Book Sale will be held September 21, 22 & 23rd.

1. **Public Comment:**

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

Council.

1. **Trustee Comments:** 
   1. **Carla Gunderson:** No comment.
   2. **Jan Lamborne**: No comment

**c. Thomas Cameron:** Any public entity is going to be a lightning rod for lunacy - it goes on all

the time. Not to worry, there are more sane people than others.

**d. Sherri Hughes:** It’s good to be back for fall.

**e. Kathy Lehman:** No comment.

1. **Motion to adjourn** at 6:52 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 September 26th, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Lamborne, Library Board of Trustees Secretary