

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 January 23, 2023

Library Board Members Present: Jan Lamborne, Sherri Hughes, Thomas Cameron,
Kathy Lehman

Director: Britney Dillon
City Council Liaison: Jeannine Leary
Guests Present: Betty Jenkins

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Sherri Hughes at 5:30 and roll was called.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made by Jan Lamborne and supported by Thomas Cameron to accept the amended agenda, to include to include item: d. Open Board Seat. Roll was called and the motion carried.
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Kathy Lehman and supported by Thomas Camerson to approve the November amended minutes. Roll was called and the motion passed.
A motion was made by Kathy Lehman and supported by Sherri Hughes to accept the amended November Closed Session minutes. Roll was called and the motion passed.
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.

Comments on Reports:

- a. **Director's Report:** The library will be opening late on Friday due to staff training. Britney gave us information about Patron Point, a new digital proram tht Lakeland has implemented. Her Director's report gives more details.
 - b. **Youth Services Report:** Barbara Root is already planning for summer reading.
 - c. **Adult Programs:** Michelle McMaster is involved with the 2023 Reading Challenge. The November & December programs went well and she already planning for a couple programs for spring. There is also a new Engaged Patrons site. She has found that having patrons sign up for programs has helped with planning and supplies.
 - d. **Circulation Report:** None
 - e. **Monthly Financial Reports:** None
Donations: None
6. **Notice of Paid Bills:**

A motion was made by Kathy Lehman and supported by Thomas Cameron to pay the bills for November, 2022. Roll was called and the motion passed.
A motion was made by Sherri Hughes and supported by Thomas Cameron to pay the bills for December, 2022. Roll was called and the motion passed.

 - a. **Comments on bills:** None
7. **Communication and Correspondence:**
 - a. Betty's news articles.
 - b. Sherri Huges,s letter stating that she will serve a 2nd term Library Board member, as well as her certificate for being sworn in.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. **Director's Goals:** The staff and directors are on board. Britney Dillon would like to get some new carpeting under the computer station, possibly a carpet square because that area is showing wear. Also the painting needs to be done under the chair rail to complete the meeting room with the Childrens' mural. Michelle McMaster has researched developing Dementia Packs for patrons to check out by family members. They would include games, worksheets and activities to keep them engaged. A grant through the Ionia Community Foundation has been applied for and we are hoping it will be accepted. Britney Dillon stated that even if we don't get the grant, she would like to try to put it through because there seems to be a need.

9. New Business:

- a. **2023 Board Officers** – A board member is able to hold an office for no more that 2 years.

President: Jan Lamborne made a motion and was supported by Sherri Hughes to nominate **Thomas Cameron** for President. There were no other nominations. Roll was called and the motion passed.

Vice-President: Jan Lamborne made a motion and was supported by Thomas Cameron to nominate **Sherri Hughes** for Vice-President. There were no other nominations. Roll was called the motion passed.

Secretary: Sherri Hughes made a motion and was supported by Jan Lamborne to nominate **Kathy Lehman** for Secretary. There were no other nominations. Roll was called and the motion passed.

Treasurer: Kathy Lehman made a motion and was supported by Sherri Hughes to nominate **Jan Lamborne** for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Roll was called and the motion passed.

b. **2023 Board Meeting Schedule**

A motion was made by Thomas Camerson and was supported by Sherri Hughes to approve the 2023 Board Meeting Schedule. Roll was called and the motion passed.

- c. **Budget Amendment:** Britney Dillon stated that this always happens in January, it is a half step before the end of the year.

A motion was made by Sherri Hughes and supported by Thomas Cameron to approve the Budget Amendment. Roll was called and the motion passed.

- d. **Open Board Seat:** A motion was made by Jan Lamborne and supported by Thomas Cameron to accept **Ron Gunderson's** application to fill the open board seat. Roll was called and the motion passed.

10. Public Comment:

Our City Council Liason, Jeannine Leary told us that the city is still working on getting bids for the Depot work that needs to be done. We received a grant for lead pipe replacement in the city. For the next few years, 2023,2024 and 2025 the city will be working on resurfacing roads. The city received a grant for half of the expense for the water treatment plant.

11. Trustee Comments:

- a. **Jan Lamborne:** I'm happy to have Jeannine Hughes as our new City Liason.
b. **Kathy Lehman:** Welcome Jeannine!
c. **Sherri Hughes:** Welcome Jeannine!
d. **Thomas Cameron:** None

- 12. Motion to adjourn** at 6:18 p.m. was made by Sherri Hughes and supported by Thomas Cameron. Roll was called and the motion passed.

Our next scheduled Library Board meeting will be on February 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Lamorne,
Library Board of Trustees Secretary