

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 February 3, 2025

Library Board Members Present: Ron Gunderson, Jan Lamborne, Jennifer Mierendorf

Director: Britney Dillon

City Council Liaison: Bonita Steele

Guests Present: Betty Jenkins

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Ron Gunderson at 5:31 and roll was called.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made by Jan Lamborne and supported by Jennifer Mierendorf to accept the amended agenda, to include the Closed Session Minutes from November 18, 2024. Roll was called and the motion carried.
3. **Approval of the Minutes:**
A motion was made by Ron Gunderson and supported by Jennifer Mierendorf to approve the November minutes including Closed Session minutes as presented. 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.
 - a. **Comments on Reports:**
 - Director's Report:** Britney Dillon asked if there were any questions about her Director's report. She informed the board that Keif will check on the roof in the spring to see if there are any issues.
 - Youth Services Report:** Barbara Root is planning for summer programs and she is doing a lot of collaborating with Michelle McMaster to coordinate Adult & Youth Programming.
 - Adult Programs:** Michelle McMaster is busy planning for summer programming.
 - Circulation Report:** There was some good discussion about our digital programs and the usage of the programs such as Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla.
 - Donations Report:** None
 - Monthly Financial Report:** The audit is done and the library came in under budget.
6. **Notice of Paid Bills:**
A motion was made by Ron Gunderson and supported by Jennifer Mierendorf to pay the bills for both November and December. Roll was called and the motion passed.
 - a. **Comments on bills:** None
7. **Communication and Correspondence:**
 - a. Betty's news articles
 - b. Letter from Jan Lamborne to continue as a Library Trustee for the next term
8. **Unfinished Business:**
None
9. **New Business:**
 - a. Open Board Position (letter of interest.) A motion was made by Jan Lamborne and supported by Jennifer Mierendorf, for Ron Gunderson to reach out to Cynthia Miller and offer her a position as a Board Trustee Member.

b. Election of Board Officers

Jan Lamborne made a motion for Ron Gunderson to remain as President and was supported by Jennifer Mierendorf. Ron accepted and roll was called and the motion passed.

Ron Gunderson made a motion for Jennifer Mierendorf to be Vice President and was supported by Jan Lamborne. Jennifer accepted and roll was called and the motion passed.

Ron Gunderson made a motion for Jan Lamborne to be Secretary/Treasurer and was supported by Jennifer Mierendorf. Jan accepted and roll was called and the motion passed.

2025 Library Board Officers:

President – Ron Gunderson

Vice President – Jennifer Mierendorf

Secretary/Treasurer – Jan Lamborne

c. Committee Appointments: Committee appointments are tabled until March, with Board approval.

d. Approval of 2025 Meeting Schedule: Jan Lamborne made a motion to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule with amendments and was supported by Jennifer Mierendorf. Roll was called the the motion passed.

10. Public Comment: Bonita Steele, City Council Liaison, announced that the Council has two new members, Linda Curtis and Nikolai Zerkle. She also said that Kevin Krieger is the new City Manager. Bonita also stated that the lagoon project is ahead of schedule.

11. Trustee Comments:

c. Ron Gunderson: Thank you to Jan for continuing on the board and for Bonita as our City Council Liaison. It is important to have good communication between the Council and the Library.

b. Jan Lamborne: I appreciate everything that everyone does to make our board effective. Welcome Bonita!

c. Jennifer Mierendorf: We are going to have the most positive board in Belding!

12. Motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. was made by Ron Gunderson and supported by Jennifer Mierendorf. Roll was called and the motion passed.

Our next scheduled Library Board meeting will be on February 17, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Lamborne,
Library Board of Trustees Secretary