

BELLAIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AT: 111 SOUTH BRIDGE STREET, BELLAIRE, MI  
Date: Friday April 18, 2025  
MINUTES

TRUSTEES ATTENDING: Diane Bennett, Mary Edens, Don Hirt, Sue Holtzmann, Lee Kerr, Director Tom Shilts.

TRUSTEE EXCUSED ABSENCE: Sydney Luke

CALL TO ORDER: President Edens called the meeting to order at 9:30 am

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion by Kerr, second by Holtzmann to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion by Kerr, second by Holtzmann to approve the March 21, 2025 regular meeting minutes of the Board. Motion carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial Report for March 2025 was not available at this time.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Highlights from Director Shilts include increase in usage and in circulation.

- Several successful programs occurred during the month with plans for summer reading program.
- High Schooler, Chloe Taylor, began job shadowing.
- Collaboration with Robyn Gransow, Antrim County Conservation District.
- Additional points are included in the April Librarian's Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none.

OLD BUSINESS: Response letter from library concerning "Ask for Andrea" book reconsideration request.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Privacy booths consideration for library with possibilities of grant funding.
- Event plans for Volunteer event on Monday, May 19th at 4:00pm

CORRESPONDENCE: none

GRANTS, MEMORIALS & DONATIONS: Gift of \$25 from Faith Hershiser in memory of Olga Mills, and \$300 grant from MMLL for Summer Reading Program t-shirts and \$400 grant from Pilcrow Foundation for kids nonfiction. **Motion by Kerr, second by Holtzmann to accept the donations and grants as listed. Motion carried.**

UPDATES AND REMINDERS: May 13th Kegan Gill presentation of "Phoenix Revival".

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Praise for staff extra projects of Yvonne's poetry table and Jesse's plants and seeds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: **Motion Holtzmann, second by Hirt to adjourn meeting at 10:30 am. Motion carried.**

NEXT MEETING: May 16th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Bennett, Secretary

Approved

5/16/2025