

Minutes of the Bayfield Carnegie Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Library Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday, July 16th. Called to order at 4:01 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Teresa Weber, Mary Lynch as president, Linda Georgeson, Shyam Gray, Annunziata Feldis, Bill Bland, Vicki Redenbaugh

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting made by Georgeson, seconded by Redenbaugh. **Motion Carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Teresa has contacted the Building Strong Libraries program to notify them of the completion of the tuck-pointing project.
- She has also requested just over \$25,000 of the available funds from Boreal Waters and the endowment fund.
- All money for Innovative Masonry Restoration will be transferred to the CIP fund. The remaining balance, ~\$38,000, will be paid from the library checking account.

Motion to pay the bills, including all tuck-pointing bills, made by Georgeson, seconded by Feldis. **Motion Carried.**

LIBRARIANS REPORT

- One parking sign has been erected on Broad Street, and another will be added. There will be one 15-minute sign put up in the library parking lot.
- There is some movement of the Broad Street retaining wall. Meeting code would now involve adding drainage through the wall and tying the retaining wall into the yard.
- The new elevator in the Wasburn Public Library was \$45,000. Teresa has contacted the company in Duluth for a quote.
- The BSL grant requests are due this month. Teresa has checked in with the other participating libraries. She may request funds for installing a new lift.
- Laura, Dana, and Rose are all interested in taking continuing education courses offered at Northwood Technical College. There are four basic courses needed to become a library director. The money for this has been budgeted.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- The tuck-pointing has been completed. When the masonry company pressure-washed the building upon completion of the project it made apparent some places that are compromised: a window in the basement, one up-stairs, and the front doors all allowed water into the building.
- A meeting was had to discuss the formation of a Friends of the Library. Joyce Kiel has been involved in helping to plan how to go forward, with 4-5 other individuals interested. If the group is informal, members of the board can be involved. The goals of the Friends would be to help Teresa with her to-do lists, possibly painting rooms.

NEW BUSINESS

- The proposed budget for 2026 is very similar to 2025, with small increases to account for annual inflation.
- Additional CIP ideas for 2026 include replacing windows and caulking the front stairs.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Teresa hopes to have a proposed 2026 budget for next months meeting.
- Options for purchasing materials besides Amazon?
- Procuring a license to have a 50/50 raffle for a fund-raiser?

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20th at 4 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shyam Devi Gray