

Minutes of the Bayfield Carnegie Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Library Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday, January 21st, 2026. Called to order at 4:05 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Laura Rovi (acting as director), Mary Lynch as president, Annunziata Feldis, Shyam Gray, Bill Bland, Vicki Redenbaugh, Linda Georgeson, Ryan Hogan via zoom

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting made by Georgeson, seconded by Feldis. **Motion Carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Charged twice from Better Homes and Gardens. A credit should appear on the next statement.

Motion to pay the bills made by Georgeson, seconded by Gray. **Motion Carried.**

LIBRARIANS REPORT

- Missing either the November or December Librarians Statistics Report. The missing report will be included in next month's packet.
- Friends of the Library, Friends of the Apostle Islands, and the Chamber are collaborating on a movie at the library for a Dark Skies celebration.
- A grant of \$35,000 for the lift replacement was received from the county through the BSL program.
- The new lift is expected to cost approx. \$60,000.
- Linda Georgeson will be writing a grant to the West Wind Fund, through Boreal Waters, for money to go toward the lift replacement.
- Heidi will be retiring at the end of the month. There will be a gathering for the occasion on Jan. 31.
- There is a patron conflict in the Washburn Library. This patron also utilizes the Bayfield Library.
- Teresa is using vacation time for her leave. She has been working 2 hours/day from home. She hopes to be back ½ time around February 6th.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- No applicants have come forward for the 2026-2027 Poet Laureate. It has been decided to table the position and revisit it again this fall.

Friends of the Library

- The Friends group has sent out a letter of appeal for fundraising and have thus far received \$9,650.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Feldis is doing research on alternatives to leasing a copy machine. She will notify us of what options she finds.
- Other lift fundraising ideas

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18th at 4 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shyam Devi Gray