**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 March 28, 2022**

**Library Board Members Present:** Carla Gunderson, Jan Lamborne, Annette Visser, Sherri Hughes, Thomas Cameron

**Director:** Britney Dillon

**City Council Liaison:** Ron Gunderson

**Guests Present:** Betty Jenkins

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Carla Gunderson at 5:30 and roll was called.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:**  A motion was made by Annette Visser and supported by Thomas Cameron to accept the agenda as presented. Roll was called and the motion carried.
3. **Approval of the Minutes:**

A motion was made by Carla Gunderson and supported by Sherri Hughes to approve the

February minutes as presented. Roll was called and the motion passed.

1. **Public Comment:** None
2. **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.
   1. **Comments on Reports:**

**Director’s Report**: Britney Dillon stated he electrician is on vacation until April 4th, he plans to finish after that.

Mrs.Dillon is about a week away from shutting down the boiler for the winter season.

Battle of the Books update: The first meeting was held last week. There are 17 teams from Woodview signed up to compete, that is a wonderful turnout! The next highest library in Ionia county has 3 teams signed up.

Sherri Hughes inquired about the status of the carpet purchase and the sale of the chairs. Britney said that we need to wait for the budget to pass before anything can be done about the carpet purchase. She plans to get quotes for the carpet. She is still waiting to hear from Sharon Carlson about the chairs. If that does not work out then she will list the chairs for sale.

**Youth Services Report**: There are currently four programs being offered. The Youth team is planning a few programs during Spring Break for children. Barbara Root represented the Children’s Library at the Ellis Reading Night on March 17th. There were over 500 people who attended the event.

**Adult Programs**: Chuck & Martha presented a program about Naval Battles on the Great Lakes. There will be music programs coming up: Jackie & Gary on June 22 and the Troy Graham on

August 1. The Adult Winter Reading program has ended.

**Circulation Report:** Britney Dillon stated that circulation is similar to last month. Hoopla has been steady. The Hoopla app can be added to a Smart TV.

1. **Notice of Paid Bills:**

A motion was made by Thomas Cameron and supported by Annette Visser to pay the bills for February, 2022. Roll was called and the motion passed.

* 1. **Comments on bills**: None

1. **Communication and Correspondence:** 
   1. Betty’s news articles.
2. **Unfinished Business:**
   1. None
3. **New Business:**
   1. 2022/2023 Budget

Britney Dillon stated that she approaches the budget conservatively each year. The 403 Property Taxes are projected to be higher.

The Library in Lansing is quite active about keeping the Penal Fines for libraries.

The Belding library staff are considered City Employees for salaries and benefits.

There was some discussion about the Ionia Public Library and issues they are having.

After discussion about the 2022/2023 proposed budget:

**A motion was made by Sherri Hughes and supported by Thomas Cameron to approve the Proposed 2022/2023 Budget.** Roll was called and the motion passed.

1. **Public Comment:**

Ron Gunderson gave the Library Board a very detailed update about what is happening with City Council.

We appreciate Ron’s participation on the board and being kept informed about what is going on in the

City.

1. **Trustee Comments:**
   1. **Annette Visser:** We will be putting our house up for sale this week and are preparing to move to Ludington.
   2. **Carla Gunderson:** None
   3. **Jan Lamborne**: I’m just happy things are getting back to normal at the library.

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* 1. **Thomas Cameron:** None

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* 1. **Sherri Hughes:** The Friends of the Library will hold their book sale in April for three days. I will be presenting a program at the library, at 6:00 on April 4th called “Mastering the Art of Manifesting.”

1. **Motion to adjourn** at 6:37 p.m. was made by Carla Gunderson and supported by Thomas Cameron.Roll was

called and the motion passed.

Our next scheduled Library Board meeting will be on April 25th at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Lamborne

Library Board of Trustees Secretary