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Board of Trustees Meeting
10 September 2025
Minutes

Called to order: 1:37pm

Present: Diane Aaronson, Glenda Bolton, Mark Boshnack, Alex Benjamin

Absent: Kristy Vander Werff, Susan Kenny

Minutes

Glenda made a motion that was seconded by Mark to approve the 8-12-25 minutes with amendments.

All present in favor.

2026 Holiday Closings

Alex presented the proposed 2026 holiday closings. There are no changes from the previous year's closings.

Mark made a motion to approve the holiday closings as proposed. Glenda seconded.

All present in favor.

Library Director Report

The report was reviewed.

The board requested that Dave Ohman from Delaware Engineering attend next month's board meeting to discuss the construction of the maintenance garage at 14 Church Street.

Long Range Planning

Draft survey questions for our long-range plan were presented to the board and discussed. We will have three approaches to the survey: a brief in-house survey at the library, a long-form survey presented online with paper copies available, and a survey for staff and board members.

Financial

Glenda made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mark Seconded.

All present in favor.

Budget

Alex presented the first draft of the Library's 2026 budget. While there are still many unknowns it does not appear that we will need to override the tax cap next year.

Discussion occurred around hiring a part-time laborer to replace our current contract cleaner and seasonal gardener. This will be a financially neutral change.

Other

There was discussion around current park policy's insurance requirement. Alex will research how other libraries with outdoor spaces handle their policies, and Alex will also consult with a lawyer about potential liability issues.

Next Board meeting is October 8th at 1:30pm. Future meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm.

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Glenda seconded.
All present in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03pm.