

MINUTES OF THE FENNVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 16, 2025

Present: Willow Vandenberg, Bob Sherwood, Jody Martin, Marilyn Jessup, Donna Matula, Becky Jamros, Robin Buchler, Kathy Yankee

Absent: None

Staff Present: Teresa Kline

Observers present: None

Meeting Called to Order: 4:04pm. Before the meeting started, Teresa introduced us to new staff members Krysta Van Dyke, Molli Hirdes, and Julia Bruesch. They were warmly welcomed by the board!

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Buchler, seconded by Jamros to approve agenda. Passed 8-0.

Approval of Minutes: Corrections needed on New Business section of 9-18-25 meeting. Will be presented at November meeting for approval.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Financial and Budget: Received and filed

Director's Report: Vanessa has completed Level 3 certification with Library of Michigan!
Teresa did evaluation of Vanessa and Kendra.
EGL tech here for computer issues.
Frontier is installing fiberoptic for computer backup.
Katie, city Manager, is back at City Hall after surgery.
Quarterly Report on the city-library-school district LEO grant done.
New Staff training continues.
ACLA - Teresa will stay on as President for one more year.

President's Remarks: None

Board Members Remarks: Yankee reported on excellent presentation on 10-9-25 by Michigan author Abra Berens of Granor Farms.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

- Parking Lot: payments 4 and 5 have been made.
Base coat of asphalt is done! Landscaping and finishing details to be completed.
- New Staff introduced: Krysta_____, Julia _____, Molli_____
- Beautify Pullman - Members who were not present for the BP presentation in September were updated on it. After discussion, we will refer questions to Atty. Vince Duckworth for his legal opinion. Motion made by Sherwood, seconded by Matula, passed 8-0.

New Business:

- DeLong & Brouwer bid for 3 years of audits. Moved by Yankee, seconded by Buchler to accept bid. Passed 8-0.
- Baker & Taylor book wholesalers have shut down abruptly. This makes a lot of work for our staff as previously placed orders are canceled and a new wholesaler is found. Ingraham is used by several libraries in Lakeland, but will likely be swamped with orders. Teresa has opened an account with Barnes & Noble.
- December 5 and 6 will be the Holiday Celebration for the city.
The library will stay open until 5:00pm on Saturday, the 6th.
- LEO community grant celebration: June 27th is being proposed for a city-wide celebration including parade, music, and other activities. It was suggested that we should have a ribbon-cutting ceremony when the parking lot opens this Fall.
- Trane is upgrading our system which is 97% complete and just needs slight addition.

Gifts:

VandenBerg moved, Jamros seconded to receive gifts as listed.
Passed 8-0.

Public comments

None

Meeting adjourned at 5:12

Next meeting: November 20, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Yankee, Secretary