

MINUTES OF THE FENNVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 15, 2026

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: Teresa Kline, Cruz Medrano - new Page.

Observers Present: Justin Hunsberger

Meeting Called to Order: 4:02pm

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

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Sherwood, seconded by VandenBerg to approve minutes of December, 2025 meeting. Passed 8-0

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: Teresa received a bill from Frontier for 5-7-25 damage to their line during construction. Bill for \$996. Forwarded to Midwest Construction.

Financial and Budget: Audit is still in process so Teresa can't do updates on budget. Penal fines are decreasing steadily.

Director's Report: -ACLA meeting today: Jennifer Garcia of Allegan Co. Senior Services spoke. ACSS provides emergency alert devices, meals, in-home support, daycare. They would like to partner with libraries more.  
-Front door is not working right after being jerked to attempt to open when Locked. There have been 2 alarms during the night.  
-There is an on/off problem with our fax line. Working on it.  
-Downstairs men's room problem being fixed.  
-Two invoices totalling \$246, 517.33 invoice from the city for parking lot construction. Teresa has paid them.

President's Remarks: None

Board Member's Remarks: Robin Buchler expressed appreciation for her term of service. She Has resigned her position due to moving out of the district. Teresa Marilyn expressed their appreciation for her service.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business: -Change Order #5 on parking lot construction has added \$1500.00 to cost.  
-Touch-up of parking lot will be done by Midwest Construction in Spring.  
-There has been a problem with children sledding on the hill so Teresa Has posted a No Sledding sign.  
-Beautify Pullman Library Kiosk issue:  
MLA has publicized that "Michigan's Alternative Funding for Trial Courts Workgroup" has released a plan to divert ALL penal fines monies to trial courts. This would have a disastrous effect on libraries. For FDL it would mean cutting staff etc.  
For Fennville District Library it would mean the loss of both penal fine support and State Aid from Lee Twp. and Mantius Twp. - which is all that they pay for the library service to their citizens. This uncertainty has an impact on future planning regarding the book kiosk that Beautify Pullman has requested. Teresa will contact P. Conway and D. Laraway about the situation. The kiosk is on hold for now.

New Business: - Board Bylaws reviewed.  
-Allegan County Community Foundation Endowment Fund and current spendable balance reviewed. Moved by Yankee, seconded by Buchler to request the \$5,316 be sent to the library.

Gifts: None.

Public Comments: None

Meeting adjourned: 4:50 pm

Next Meeting: February 19, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Yankee, Secretary