

BETHEL PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES - January 9, 2025

In attendance:

Andy Amrhein
Mary Alice Moore
Christine McIntosh
Jessica DiPrampero

Ryan Freytag
Jason Flinn
Gina Brownfield
Kimberly Walsh-Turner

Britney Hollick
Al Levine

Call to Order – Confirmation of Quorum (6 of 10)

The annual meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM with 9 members present.

Al Levine made a motion seconded by Andy Amrhein to accept the meeting minutes from the November 2024 board meeting as presented. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The conflict of interest statements for all members were distributed, signed, and returned.

The slate of officers for 2025 was moved for a vote of acceptance as presented by Mary Moore and seconded by Ryan Freytag. The candidates listed were:

Andy Amrhein - president

Britney Hollick - treasurer

Al Levine - vice president

Jessica DiPrampero - secretary

A call for nominations from the floor yielded no additional candidates. With no additional discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Al Levine made a motion seconded by Mary Moore to adjourn the annual meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

The January 2025 regular meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

Christine McIntosh delivered the treasurer's report. The end-of-year numbers will be available next week so year-end donations will be reflected in upcoming statements.

Andy Amrhein moved and Al Levine seconded a motion to accept the November 2024 financial statements as presented. The motion passed unanimously with no questions or discussion.

Christine McIntosh delivered the director's report, which included information on the amount of returned materials and recovered revenue for 2024 and the installation of gratis menstrual supplies in the internal library restroom. A supplies and directed donations drive in March will seek additional support for the program.

Ms. McIntosh has been invited to the American Library Association congressional fly-in in April to meet with congressional leadership.

Committee Reports:

The Bourbon, Beans & Vino + Chili Cookoff event, which benefits the library as a Fantastic Four charity, is scheduled for February 1, 2025. Members are encouraged to attend and possibly participate as a chef. They were also asked to promote and attend the event as well as solicit raffle basket donations.

Board members were encouraged to join the Friends of the Library auxiliary group. The Friends of the Library annual Designer Bag Bingo is slated for April 13, 2025 at the community center. Please consider volunteering time to support the event, which is the major fundraiser for the year and a perpetual sell-out event.

There was no municipal report.

Kimberly Walsh-Turner delivered the school district report. Construction on the elementary center is advancing rapidly and there is no anticipated construction-related delay to the start of the upcoming school year. The new school board officers were voted on and installed at the last school board meeting. With many incoming kindergarten parents bringing their children to programming at the library, kindergarten registration information will be distributed at the library pre-K programs.

There was no new business discussed.

Announcements included library closure on February 17, 2025 in observance of Presidents' Day. The next board meeting will be held on March 6, 2025.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:33 p.m. by Al Levine and seconded by Ryan Freytag. Motion passed unanimously.