

BETHEL PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES - May 8, 2025

In attendance:

Ryan Freytag
Buffie Faes (guest)
Jessica DiPrampiero

Christine McIntosh
Andy Amrhein
Britney Hollick

Kimberly Walsh-Turner

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM with 6 members present.

Britney Hollick made a motion seconded by Ryan Freytag to accept the meeting minutes from the March 2025 board meeting as presented. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

There was no president's report.

Christine McIntosh delivered the treasurer's report. The state's upcoming budget may have a small increase in funding but not the level requested. Britney Hollick made a motion that was seconded by Ryan Freytag to accept the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Christine McIntosh delivered the director's report, which included a recap of her participation in the Congressional fly-in last month. She has also received a Right to Know request from a reporter regarding Thomas Crooks' library computer use and check-outs. She will respond with a letter denying the request, since this information is only available with a subpoena. (Note: Crooks did not have a library card.) Board members are requested to contact their federal representatives to request that funding for the IMLS be restored for the upcoming federal budget.

Committee Reports:

There was no report for the Nominating/Continuing Education committee.

The finance committee reported that the final audit report is available for review. The report is clean.

The strategic planning committee reported that cabinets have been ordered for the youth program room and that the children's department will have new display shelves built and installed shortly as a local scout's Eagle Project.

The fundraising committee reported on the upcoming second annual Bethel Park Arts & Music Festival, scheduled for July 26, 2025. Planning is well underway; support is needed for both event sponsorships and raffle basket donations.

The Friends of the Bethel Park Public Library held their major fundraiser last month. This year's Designer Bag Bingo raised over \$12,000 for the auxiliary group, which channels the proceeds into direct library support for extra-operational projects. The date for 2026 is forthcoming.

The Friends' Spring Book Sale is set for May 18, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Evey's Hardware. Donations are being accepted at the store.

There was no municipal report.

Kimberly Walsh-Turner delivered the school district report. Progress continues on the elementary center. She reported on shifts in leadership at some schools and at central administration. The curriculum committee met last week and a vote is set for the upcoming school board meeting to accept their proposal. Scholarship award night for the high school is set for June 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

There was no old or new business discussed.

Announcements included a note that the library closed for the day after the recent storm because there was no power to the building. The next board meeting will be held on July 10, 2025.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:37 p.m. by Ryan Freytag and seconded by Britney Hollick. Motion passed unanimously.