

BETHEL PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES - July 3, 2025

In attendance:

Ryan Freytag
Al Levine

Jessica DiPrampero
Christine McIntosh

Andy Amrhein
Britney Hollick

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM with 6 members present.

Britney Hollick made a motion seconded by Al Levine to accept the meeting minutes from the May 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. Ryan Freytag made a motion that was seconded by Al Levine to accept the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Christine McIntosh delivered the director's report, which included a recap of the staff contingent's participation in the recent ALA conference. ACLA has installed book vending machines at the county jail and at family court; there is a suggestion to expand the program to Children's Hospital. The EI network has issued a report quantifying each participating library's annual value of services EI provides; Bethel Park Public Library benefitted with \$133,000 in services.

Committee Reports:

There was no official report for the Nominating/Continuing Education committee, but Ramona Stanley has indicated interest in becoming a board member.

The finance committee reported that the library's worker compensation and general liability insurance policies were moved to Hanover Insurance group because of a substantial increase in coverage at a lower premium.

The strategic planning committee will have a more detailed report in September. The library is waiting for countertops to be installed and has applied for a grant to potentially reimburse the library for expenses incurred in the Children's Library upgrades.

Andy Amrhein delivered the fundraising committee report on the upcoming second annual Bethel Park Arts & Music Festival, scheduled for July 26, 2025. The Education Foundation is overseeing the raffle basket donations and assembly. The artist and musical act rosters are full and the musicians have been paid. 12 food trucks and several other food and beverage vendors will be on-site. The organizing committee is still looking for an ATM to be engaged for the day. The Rotary Club and Interact Club will be providing additional volunteer support.

The Friends of the Bethel Park Public Library has reduced the number of meetings held over the summer but did hold a seasonal social on June 24 with cooking and gardening demonstrations. They will be participating in the Arts Festival. Board members are encouraged to both join the Friends and to watch for the date for the annual Yinzer fundraiser.

There was no municipal report.

There was no school district report.

There was no old business was discussed.

Under new business, Christine McIntosh reported that the library has applied for a grant to cover programming associated with the America 250 PA celebrations scheduled for 2026. Bethel Park is planning several projects under the auspices of the Fantastic Four Charities organization (Bethel Park Public Library, Bethel Park Community Foundation, Bethel Park Education Foundation, Bethel Park Historical Society) that include an essay contest for students in the schools, a launch party through the Historical Society, a speaker series at the Historical Society, an historical-fiction-themed book club through the library, and a possible screening of a shortened reel of the new Ken Burns American history documentary. There are several other projects also in the works.

The next board meeting will be held on September 11, 2025.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:35 p.m. by Britney Hollick and seconded by Al Levine. Motion passed unanimously.