

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
February 17, 2026  
5:30 PM  
OFFICIAL MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Cindy Blamer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the City Chamber Room, 28 State Road, Newaygo, Michigan 49337.

- **Roll Call: Present:** Christian Burns, Cindy Blamer, Sharon Haege, Candy Wells and Samantha Kauffman.  
**Absent:** Patty Goodman, David Chambers
- **Motion to Approve the Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Wells with support by Burns. AIF/MC.

2. MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 20, 2026. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Haege and supported by Kauffman. AIF/MC.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

- Received \$10,000 from the Carnegie Corporation. "This gift is freely given without conditions or expectations, you can spend it however you choose for the benefit of your library and community in commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.
- Received \$30,000 from GM Wood Products for the Children's Library. Director Franklin emailed him a Wish List for Summer Reading donations.
- \$100 donation from Donald and Marge Redder through FAFC with a \$100 match.

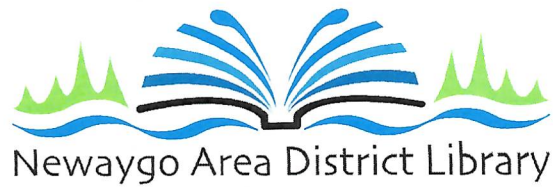
Motion to approve the Financial Reports and Bills and Cash Disbursements was made by Haege with support by Burns. AIF/MC

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Adult and Teen Winter Reading will wrap up on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Chili Cookoff on the 26<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 5pm.
- The Summer Reading planning is well on it's way. We are planning the Summer Reading Wrap-Up at the end of July to be a Hot Dog Roast/Foam Party.
- Inventory is done. Working on completing this round of Weeding.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Children's Library Update – The Board watched the Rendered Walk-thru and all liked it.
  - The design is just about done, just waiting on an estimate for the Carpet before presenting it to Mr. Micho.



## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- Removing Fines from Children's Books
  - Last year our Summer Reading numbers had increased a lot, but our checkouts did not follow suit. Several patrons had mentioned to the staff that they really enjoy the Summer Reading program but will check books out at another library because they don't have to worry about late fees. Last year \$315.75 worth of fines were paid on Children's Late fees. The Board is open to the idea. Requested Director Franklin bring the current wording in and the proposed wording in to the next board meeting for the Board to make a final decision.
- Director Franklin mentioned the possibility of Refreshing the Upstairs with new carpet and paint to go with the new desk, with funding from current donations. She will bring estimates to the next meeting.
- Personnel Update –
  - Mackenzie is being moved to a Full-time position at or near 40 hours per week to assist with administrative duties.
  - Director Franklin mentioned she wanted to hire another Part-time staff member, to give Mackenzie more time off the Circulation desk to do Marketing and Adult Programming. It will also help to have another staff member with the increase of programming the library is offering. It will bring the library up to 10 employees on staff, but remains within the Small Business category for ESTA purposes. The Budget is 177 hours a week and currently running approximately 157 hours. The Board agreed hiring another staff member would be beneficial.

A motion was made to move Mackenzie to Full Time by Wells with the support of Haege. **AIF/MC**

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

## 9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

As a Board -

Everyone is excited about the possibility of getting the Children's Library remodeled.

Everyone is happy with how operations and planning are progressing with the Library.

President Blamer thinks another Part-time staff member is a good idea, bringing the hours up to the 177 or slightly above.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

President Blamer- called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Haege with support by Burns.

**AIF/MC**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

NADL President

NADL Secretary