Alden District Library
Board Meeting Minutes – Community Center
October 12, 2026 5:00 pm

Board Meeting

Members Present

Maureen Clore (President), Jodie Balhorn (V.P.), Dave Reck (Treasurer), Pam Esterline (Secretary), Jim Austin, Pami Sprague, Tamie Stuart

Absent None

Others Present Sue Riegler (Director), Sue Reck (FOTL)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 5:00 pm

Agenda Approval The agenda was approved

Motion made by Reck, supported by Sprague and passed unanimously

Previous Minutes

September 14, 2026 meeting minutes were approved

Motion made by Sprague, supported by Balhorn and passed unanimously

Correspondence None

Public Comment None

Financial Report

Bills for Payment for September 2026 in the amount of $18,209.48 were approved.

Motion made by Austin, supported by Stuart and passed unanimously

The Board has reviewed all of the financial statements, including the reconciliation of the bank statements.

Director's Report

Donations: $1,207.26 Village Market Community Cash check; $958.53 summer reading reimbursement grant check from Mid-Michigan Library League

Quarterly stats were reviewed.

Sue reported that the postage meter/cube worked well the first time although it was time consuming. She will do it herself a few more times and make a plan where someone else could assist.

In answer to Sue's question: Swearing in for recently elected trustees will be at the December Board meeting to be effective on January 1, 2027.

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Sue discussed the library's need for a second phone line. She also presented research done by Jeff Morton, library assistant, about different mobile plans and their cost.

Reck moved that the Librarian is authorized to obtain a mobile phone to be used by the Librarian for Library business, supported by Austin and approved unanimously.

FOTL Report

Sue Reck reported that at the FOTL annual meeting this month election of officers will take place. They have a full slate of new officers. Nominations will be taken from the floor. They continue to plan enrichment activities and will discuss their Christmas Luncheon.

Action Items

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-11 to amend the 2026-27 budget

Resolved that:

Expense line item 715 be renamed FICA & Medicare(employer portion), and the rounded amount for that account is $5,400;

Expense line item 717 be renamed MERS 401-A(employer portion), and the rounded amount for that account is $3,300;

The Library's accountant be instructed to adjust the current budget to reflect those changes.

Motion made by Reck supported by Sprague and passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

The Board discussed succession planning for new members. Succession within the Board was also discussed.

The board is planning on appointing a new treasurer before the regular election. The new treasurer will work with current treasurer for contract signing and signatories with our financial institutions.

Meeting Adjourned 5:32pm

Motion made by Reck, supported by Austin and passed unanimously

Pam Esterline
Secretary

Maureen Clore
President