District Library Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

Members Present- Lauren Marion, Sue Petitpren, Debbie Rickman, Whitney Peters and Jennifer Kile

Absent- Kelly Zielinski and Emily McPhail

Guests- Ruth Kulman

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm with the pledge.

Approval of minutes- Debbie made a motion to approve the April 7, 2026 minutes seconded by Whitney. All in favor, motion for April 7, 2026 minutes passed. All in favor, motion carried.

Pay the Bills- Lauren motioned to pay the May bills, seconded by Jennifer. All in favor, motion carried to pay the May bills passed.

Sign Image: Jennifer made a motion to replace the lights in the sign for LED Lighting and Whitney seconded. All in favor, motion to replace the lights passed.

Debbie made a motion to approve Ryan DeGroat to move forward with finishing the room in the basement up to $5000. We are not moving forward with the bathrooms at this time. Jennifer seconded. All in favor, motion carried to move forward with finishing one room in the basement.

Treasurer's Report-

- In March we had a balance of $150,361.48. In April we had an ending balance of $100,612.82.
    - MI Class Account has $75,251.97. We made $185.00 on interest.
- Lauren made a motion to pass the 2026 budget, seconded by Sue. All in favor, motion to pass the 2026 budget passed.
    - Roll call: Jennifer: Yes, Sue: Yes, Whitney: Yes, Lauren: Yes, Debbie: Yes.
        - 5: Yes, 2: Absent. 0: No. Motion passed.

Librarian Report-

- Friends: Helped with packaging a summer reading program.

- Evaluation: We are working on an employee policy/handbook. Part of that policy includes an evaluation. Is the board interested in doing an annual evaluation on the director?
- Wednesday 4-H group ended until the fall. The knitting group still continues through the fall.
- Toddler Program: Last day is May 26th until the fall.
- Knitting club: on average we have about 6 patrons, the weather has played a part in a smaller group.
- April 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders made it to the library checked out books and played a game of pictionary.
- Dungeon dragon club: Brandon Cowper has made a call out for a dungeon and Dragon club for Fridays at 3:30 still looking for interested patrons.
- 1000 books before Kindergarten: T-shirt or hat to show they did 1000 are here. We have 10 who have reached 1000!
- Apollo Update: Library cards are continuing to be added and passed out to patrons. We have about 823 cards entered into Apollo. Many Patrons calling to renew.
- Theme "Unearth a Story Parade": We have a lot of camouflage - netting to cover a Truck thought to have several children in dinosaur costumes. Bought bubbles at the May meeting!
- Summer reading kickoff sign up open house June 16th: Mixture of last year plus previous years for prizes. Friends support along with the library. A small prize for everyone to start off their sheets. And then raffles for remaining reading.

May Events:

- May 7th, 14th, 21, 28 and Lego's with Mary Heide
- May 7th soap making – 26 patrons!
- May 14th - Brandon Bryne Scott Joplin
- May 18th Digging up History Andrew Kercher

Summer Events with Goodland Township Library:

- July Park Picnic ISD, School, Pit Crew, Library, Local Sponsors
- July 21st Backyard Carnival Help 10-12pm
- July 22nd Seven Ponds at Goodland Township
- August 3rd Joel Tracey - Magic Show/Bubbles

- **Wish List:**
- Sign for Mural
- Swank Movie License

- Podium – Ruth is purchasing this after our May meeting.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 1st at 6:00pm

Lauren made a motion to adjourn at 7:09pm and Debbie seconded. All in favor, motion passed to adjourn.

Respectively submitted by Lauren Marion