

District Library Board Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2025

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

Absent- Kelly Zielinski

Guests- Ruth Kulman, Shirley Wood, Toni Loutzenhiser and Julie Miller

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

Approval of minutes- Debbie made a motion to approve the November 4th minutes with the correction of adding Toni Loutzenhiser as a guest, changing November to October in the approval of minutes section and also changing Tuesday to a Monday at the bottom where we discuss next month's meeting date. Seconded by Whitney. All in favor, motion for November 4th, 2025 minutes passed.

Pay the Bills- Sue motioned to pay the December bills, seconded by Whitney. All in favor, motion carried to pay the bills passed.

Treasurer's Report-

- In October we had a balance of \$105,390.76. In November we had an ending balance of \$98,261.05.
- Debbie made a motion to approve General Thumb Junk Removal to come and clear out the basement and spend up to \$2,400, Whitney approved. All in favor, motion approved for General Thumb Junk Removal to come remove basement junk.

Librarian Report-

- The group met on November 15th, helping gingerbread houses and also made blankets into bags to raffle off. Suggestions were made to narrow the basement projects into smaller projects.

- Basement 1st small project: Demolition and junk removal with approval. The junk from the basement can be removed for \$1600-\$2400 (carpet, paneling, ceiling tile and all other things we want removed that would fit into 2-3 loads.)
- Basement 2nd project: Lights/ complete first room for renting out.
- Front Sign: \$1802 to replace the front and back panels.
- Alex Bartle: Replaced lights in the first vault. What a difference it has made.
- Bobs Heating: Has scheduled to change filters
- Friday, December 5th is the puppet show
- Next Tuesday is String Beans
- Events in November:
 - November 6th – Pine River Legacy – 18 patrons
 - November 17th – Demon in the Gale History of the Thumb Fires. Ourselves performing before the lecture. – 40 patrons
 - November 20th – Colleen Page Travels – 8 patrons
- Toddler program 14 to 18 children come with parents
- 1,000 books before kindergarten – 8 have reached 1000!
- December Events
 - Dec 5th – Christmas Tree Lighting: Stevens Puppet Show
 - Dec 6th and 7th Christmas Wreaths
 - Dec 9th Sing Along Christmas Songs/ Bake Sale can anyone help bring baked goods in?
 - Dec 17th – Gingerbread houses
 - Dec 21th – Christmas Caroling
 - Dec 30th – Puzzle bracelets/Key chain

Wish List:

- Sign for Mural
- Swank Movie License
- Podium

Public Comments and Questions: NA

Next meeting is Monday, Januar 5th at 6:00pm

Jennifer made a motion to adjourn at 6:37pm and Emily seconded. All in favor, motion passed to adjourn.

Respectively submitted by Lauren Marion