

**Library Board Meeting
Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library
Wednesday, August 12, 2026**

President Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

Roll Call: Present – Trustees: Jerri Bayse, Denise Cadmus, Don Chapman, Norm Emmons, Stacy Jarman, Vickie Laughlin, Cindy Saracco, and Librarian Mary Newman. Absent: Bill Bertetto and Dona Hubert.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes or additions to the agenda: None

Trustee Emmons made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting; second by Trustee Laughlin. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Trustee Chapman made a motion to approve the June 2026 Finance Report; second by Trustee Saracco. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Trustee Cadmus made a motion to approve the July 2026 Finance Report; second by Trustee Emmons. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report: (Full report may be viewed on file.). Summer programs have concluded and participation was not as high as in the past due to free movies being offered at the same time. In total, 99 children and 34 adults participated in summer programs. Librarian Newman reported to the police an incident which involved boys congregating in the back of the library, loitering and littering. Cameras have caught a number of people in the area searching for and using the library's internet. Mary is going to have the library's password changed about every other month or two. **Trustee Saracco made a motion to accept the Librarian's report; second by Trustee Laughlin. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

City Liaison and Trustee, Norm Emmons reported that Benld has a new mayor, Dustin Fletcher. He will serve out the rest of Mayor Jim Kelly's term, after which he will have to run for reelection.

Continued Business: (a) **CEJA Grant** – As of today, money has still not been received. (b) **Board Terms Expiring October 2026** – Laughlin, Hubert, Jarman – Laughlin and Jarman will remain on the Board; however, Hubert is resigning after many years of faithful service. (c) **Landscape lighting update** – Mayfield repaired the lighting and thus far, no bill for said repairs has been received. (d) **Air Conditioner Replacement Update** – Reid is going to replace the air conditioners eventually but is currently servicing people in immediate need.

New Business: (a) **Per Capita Grant and Equalization Grant** – Last year from the Per Capita Grant, we received \$2,159.40 and this year (2026) we received \$2,488.80. From the Equalization Grant we received \$655.58 last year and \$9,878.57 this year (2026) which will be used for things such as salaries and books. (b) **Per Capita Grant, Chapter 1,2, and 3** – These three chapters on Access, Advocacy and Community Engagement, and Buildings and Grounds were reviewed by the Board.

Items for Next Agenda: CEJA Grant; Air Conditioners, Mary's Hours, Fundraising Letter

Announcements: Mary will no longer be in charge of organizing the Halloween Trunk-or-Treat. She has asked the Knights of Columbus to think about taking over that task.

Trustee Emmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Trustee Chapman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Saracco, Secretary'