

## **BEAVER AREA MEMORIAL LIBRARY MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 2026**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dennis Wolford, Roxanne Walker, John Pizzella, Jen Cribbs, Cassier Brkich, Gretchen Samchuck, Karin Pilarski, Pat Sims

**ABSENT:** Mary Anne Peluso, John Berenbrok

December minutes were approved

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Thank you letters were sent to the Miller Family Fund and the PM Moore Foundations

### **FINANCIALS:**

Checks were received from the Miller Family Fund (\$8,000) and the PM Moore Foundation (\$75,000)

Year-end Donations exceeded the budget amount by \$7,657.

Expenditures included \$3,400 for computer upgrades and repairs.

### **CAPITAL:**

\$3,000.00 was allocated to Baird for investments

### **MAINTENANCE:**

There are plans to use money from the Leslie Wilson Estate for:

Window replacements or repairs, electrical system upgrades and new carpet.

A \$200.00 snowblower was purchased.

### **PERSONNEL:**

**Sue Ann Curtis, assistant Children's Librarian, will be retiring in April. A replacement will be found.**

**Amanda was able to reduce annual bills by \$600.00 and is resolving banking signatory issues.**

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

**Upcoming events include:**

**Partner portrait painting for Valentine's Day and a March 7 Friends and Trustees Library Institute (on line and a CE opportunity**

**Staff Development for Sarah comprised of attendance at communication and business management training to prepare for future renovations and donor recognition and management training with the business coach.**

#### **PROGRAM UPDATES:**

**Story time for Children resumes in mid-January including new themed sessions with external presenters.**

**Paula will take over Baby Story time and Children's programming upon Sue Ann's retirement.**

**There has been a 32% increase in program offerings and a 20% increase in attendance.**

**Adult programs are seeking improvements for those with low attendance**

**The Annual library usage statistics show improvement in every area.**

#### **SPECIAL GUEST:**

**Sydney, the Children's library assistant and graphic designer, came to discuss options for the library logo**

**There was considerable discussion and members were encouraged to provide ongoing feedback, via email as needed.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**There will be a new member orientation scheduled for late January, reviewing the board manual and policy review.**

**Members are asked to consider which committee they want to serve on.**

**Mahjong meeting time and signage to be updated.**

**Meeting adjourned:**

**Next meeting is February 12, 2026 at 7:pm**

