ANGOLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING October 6. 2026 TUESDAY

PRESENT Jack Kuebler, Barb Schmitt, Jennifer Page, Tressa Crehan, Diane Volker, Mari Grennell and Patty Friend. Guest: Maarit Vaga. Excused: Val Stonitsch, Sally Needham

Jack Kuebler (President) OPENED the meeting at 06:00PM. Welcome to our guest from NBT Bank - Maarit Vaga (Assistant Vice President and Government Banking Relationship Manager). Jack mentioned that Maarit was especially helpful when we had to re-align our accounts at NBT.

AGENDA Mari moved to accept the AGENDA seconded by Tressa. All in Favor. Approved. Barb commented that for some reason she cannot open the agenda when Jack sends to the board via email, but she is able to open it when Jennifer sends it out.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were available. Mari motioned to accept Minutes, seconded by Tressa. All in Favor. Approved.

TREASURER'S Report /Village Account Report - TWO ACCOUNTS – It was noted that the bank name on the report should be updated from Evans to NBT. Tressa motioned to accept the Full Treasurer's report, seconded by Patty. All in Favor. Approved. (Note; the Village Account is Dedicated/Donated.)

CORRESPONDENCE: Jennifer ; Email recently sent out from Central regarding upcoming ACT meeting on 10/24/26. Our new Director at Central will be present. Jennifer will attend and possibly Jack will as well.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - includes LIBRARY STATUS REPORTS. Copies of Director's report were available. The new carrels are here! Two 2-single person stations and a four-person station. Diane asked about the Hoag Pre-K Orientation table. Jennifer said that it was a last minute invite, and we had 16 signed up for library cards! Jennifer also noted that pre-covid we did attend all the school orientations. Maarit asked is there a community service program at the schools that possibly some students can be involved and help at the library? Jennifer commented that, thankfully, at the moment, we do have plenty of volunteers and volunteer hours at the library. Volunteerism is a mandatory requirement in some instances, so that benefit receipients will be able to continue to receive certain benefits. Board member volunteers for Halloween fun night on Wed. 10/28/26: Tressa, Diane and Patty. Barb motioned to accept, Mari seconded. All in Favor. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

a. **None**

NEW BUSINESS

A. **HARVEST DINNER (16th annual) – October 17, 2026.** Hall and caterer are booked. Jack arranged for (and will pay for) the strolling violinist for the evening as a gift for the library event. Jack also will print all the programs and table reservation signs. Ticket pricing as approved at July Meeting; $36 EARLY BIRD up to and including a purchase date of 10/03/2026 / $46 for tickets purchased *AFTER* 10/03/2026. As of this meeting date 80 pre-sale tickets have been sold. Barb has dessert lists for board members to sign up. Many garden and book club members have also volunteered to bake. Tressa mentioned that she and Sally have put together 122 packages of Thanksgiving/Harvest Cards to use as favors for those in attendance. Jack stated we will recognize Legislator Mills as an Honorary Trustee at our Harvest Dinner with a Proclamation. Barb motioned and Tressa seconded

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that we do the Proclamation. All in Favor – UNANIMOUS! Jack commented that as of 2026, the Angola Library has made $10,276.00 on the hot dog sales through the years due to the generosity of Legislator Mills. Snacks- Jennifer will bring the popcorn machine. (Thank you to Margie for cleaning it!) Mari has the bags and supplies already. The Afghan has arrived (handmade by Jackie Haderer who will be celebrating her 100 year birthday in November)! Basket raffle items are still needed. Set-up on Friday will be 6:00PM and on Saturday at 4:30PM.

B. **NEW CAMERA –** No update. Still in process. Allen Electric is the contractor and he has had a full schedule.
C. **POLICY REVIEWS –** Rules of Conduct Policy Review; it is a 5 year cycle policy. Barb motionted to approve our current Rules of Conduct policy as is. Diane seconded. All in favor. Approved.
D. **PURCHASES AND NEEDS -** Hand truck would be helpful for moving various larger items. (Would have been handy when the privacy carrels were delivered!) Tressa moved that we authorize Jennifer to research had truck as appropriate for the library, not to exceed a cost of $150.00. Barb seconded. All in favor. Approved.
E. **Library Board Meeting days and times:** Jack advised that our Bylaws state that our board should have 6 meetings each year. Currently we have 9 or 10 per year. Do we want to meet earlier or during the day? We should determine which months we absolutely have to be here; April/ May and July for sure? We will discuss ideas at our next meeting.
F. **In July, Jennifer had suggested: Should we have a Lake Shore Schools liason to the Library?** Mari asked about this after reading in the previous minutes. Mari said she will contact Christine Starks.
G. **Our GUEST; Maarit Vaga, Assistant Vice President and Government Banking Relationship Manager for NBT Bank** had an opportunity to comment at this time. She shared how much she has enjoyed her conversations with Jack over this past year with the Evans Bank/NBT changes. She said that NBT is strickly a rural community bank. She is also treasurer at the Cobblestone Museum in Albion. Maarit mentioned that Check Fraud is the most prevalent issue in these days and times. She suggested that we should possibly think about using ACH activity instead. It was noted that debit cards are not allowed for any municipalites. Jack thanked Maarit for her amazing help and for coming out to visit with us!
H. **Upcoming and Miscellaneous:** After adjournment we will take a tour of the library to see the new carrels. See you all at the Library Harvest Dinner!!

NEXT MEETING will be November 3, 2026 6PM

ADJOURNMENT Mari motioned that we adjourn the meeting at 7:07PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Friend

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