Eden Library Board of Trustees
October 12, 2026

Library board president Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. In attendance were Paula Blandino, Linda Meyer, Bettyann Neifer, Jon Wilcox, Susan Wilhelm, and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster.

The minutes of the September 21, 2026 were read. A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Susan to approve the minutes as presented. This was passed.

Director's Report

The Director reviewed statistics for the month of September and noted that printing for patrons from either library computers or their phones was a significant source of revenue last month. She also noted that our circulation was better than that of 11 other locations.

Interesting facts: 1655 items from other locations throughout the country were supplied to libraries within our system during the month of September. E-books are the biggest circulation item overall.

The following bill was presented for payment:

• Eden/North Collins Pennysaver-- $176

Sue made a motion to approve payment of this bill; this was seconded by Jon and passed.

The Director also reported on balances in the Local Revenue Account.

Edward Koenig III, a descendant of an Eden family, came into the library two weeks ago looking for the location of his old family home. Library trustee Linda Meyer happened to stop in and recognized it from a photo that he had. It is the current home of Richard and Karen Smith. Mr. Koenig was directed to go to the Kazoo Factory and meet with Karen. He made a generous donation to the library in thanks for all the help he received.

A patron has expressed interest in purchasing a green/mid-century modern chair that is in the basement. Sue looked up the value of this item and found that it is worth about $400. Since children often use it during the book sale it was decided that we would not sell it at this time.

Donna-Jo will put in another work order with the Town for the leak that comes down the basement wall behind where the electrical panel is. There is an on-going problem with water in this area every time it rains and the drywall shows water damage.

The brickwork on the base of the Library sign is being fixed this week.

Jon has talked to Tripi Landscaping about repairing and reseeding the lawn. He has not received an estimate from them. He also painted the basement step to

prevent slipping when it is wet. He noted that the outside basement door needs to be painted and the steps need cleaning up and painting in the spring.

We need to do mulching in the spring to cut down on weeding and maintenance of the foundation plantings. Sue suggested adding landscape concrete curbing along the edge of the beds; she will get a price on having this done.

Book Sale pricing will stay the same. There are some openings in the work schedule; we will try to get some volunteers from the community to help out.

The Community Foundation provided a number of outdoor benches around Town several years ago. One that was previously outside the liquor store has been moved to the library to replace the bench near the parking lot that was deteriorating.

Treasurer's Report

Bettyann reported on balances in all accounts at Key Bank and also at Greater Woodlawn Federal Credit Union.

She also reported on Eden Library Foundation balances.

Old Business

The Five Year Plan of Service was tabled until the next meeting. Board members should read through it and make additions or other changes.

The Meeting Room clock is working again, but Donna-Jo will monitor it and look for a replacement.

Trustees were reminded about the ACT meeting on October 24 at the Isaias Gonzalez-Soto Branch on Porter Avenue starting at 9:00 a.m. The agenda has been sent.

New Business

Donna-Jo is working on a Disaster Response Plan, which is required by the NYS Dept. of Education in 2027. Board approval will be needed before January 1.

The library will be closed on November 11 for Veterans' Day and November 26 for Thanksgiving.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be November 9 at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, Secretary