

Eden Library Board of Trustees
October 13, 2025

Library board president Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. In attendance were Linda Meyer, Bettyann Neifer, Jon Wilcox, Sue Wilhelm, former trustee Jim Agle, and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster. Paula Blandino attended as a guest.

The Minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting were read. A correction was made concerning the Kindness Club which was not a library program, but run by a community member. A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Bettyann to accept the minutes as corrected; this was passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Circulation for August was down somewhat. Donna-Jo noted that the rug hooking group, which is included under "Programs", is simply a group of individuals who meet occasionally in our Meeting Room because it is a central location for them. It is not a library program. It was also noted that the University Express program scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed to a later date.

There were no bills presented for payment. However, Donna-Jo has an invoice from Gui's Lumber for materials that Tony purchased in the amount of \$7.59. A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Sue that we approve payment of this from the invoice. This was passed.

Donna-Jo reported on balances and additions to the Local Revenue Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bettyann reported on balances in all accounts. She will get the Library's checkbook to Linda before her knee surgery next month.

OLD BUSINESS

The leak in the outside faucet near the Woodside entrance was discussed. It is believed that Scott looked at it sometime after July 7 but couldn't find anything wrong. Jon will talk to Scott about it after the Book Sale and see if they can figure out what might be going on.

NEW BUSINESS

One of the "Open" flags is ripped and not able to be repaired. There was discussion concerning getting two that just say OPEN not the custom-made ones we have had which feature the graphic of the library window. Jon made a motion to purchase two of the custom-made open flags from Ace; this was seconded by Sue and passed. Pat will take charge of getting them ordered.

Donna-Jo has had a phone call from Walker Brothers concerning servicing of the Library's grandfather clock. Bettyann asked to have this postponed until spring as

they have always done servicing on her clock at the same time. This will save them a trip to Eden.

Central is working on their 2026 holiday schedule. Since July 4 falls on a Saturday the holiday will be observed on Friday. Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on Fridays. It was decided that the Eden Library would be closed on Christmas Eve (December 24) but be open on New Year's Eve from 11 to 2. The Library will be open on both of the Saturdays (December 26 and January 2).

The lift is working but we may need to consider a total replacement of it soon. Most of the repairs have been paid by the Town, but they would not have funding to do a replacement at this time. If we want to use it for programming in the basement, we need to have access. We have spent about \$9000 in repairs at this time. The most recent round of NYS Construction grants just closed. We should think about applying in the next round. It was suggested that Tony could run it up and down a couple of times a week just to keep it in more useable condition instead of having it just be idle for months at a time.

Pat noted that the ACT Meeting will be held this Saturday at the Kenmore Library. Since our Book Sale is also going on it is unlikely that anyone will attend.

Reviewing and amending the Library's Five-Year Plan of Service will be on the agenda for next month.

POLICY REVIEW

The Library's Investment Policy was reviewed and amended to change names of the officers associated with the various accounts. Marilyn Antos was removed on all accounts and replaced by Linda Meyer. A motion was made by Jon, and seconded by Sue to make these changes. This was passed.

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 10 at 5:15
Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, Secretary