

Minerva Free Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes:

May 6, 2025

“Libraries Change Lives”

Present Board Members: Judy Warren, Krista Rhebergen, Beth Armes, Elizabeth Meeder, Chris Labuskes, Karen Croscut, Dianne Courtney-Freeman

Absent: Darlene Barney, Vanessa Lutton

Director: Cindy Sears

Guests: Jasper Eschenbach, Mr. Eschenbach, Mrs. Eschenbach

**Secretary's Report:** President Beth Armes called the meeting to order @ 5:57 PM.

Jasper made a presentation in regard to his Eagle Scout Project, which is the building of a Little Library with benches and planters. This will be donated to the library, but will be placed at Edmunds Park with access to the community. Chris will represent the library board and bring this project to the attention of the Sherman Day Committee in case the completion of the project we will done by Sherman Day and with an idea of the dedication being on that day. Dianne made the motion to support Jasper's project by maintaining the library itself when completed. Seconded by Karen. All: Aye

The minutes from the April Board Meeting were approved. A motion was made by Karen and Seconded by Krista. All: Aye

**Director's Report: Cindy Sears**

A question was asked about the dedication/book plaque that will be placed in the Pilcrow Foundation books in Honor of the Wake Family.

**Treasurer's Report: Beth in Darlene's absence**

**Book Clubs: Judy**

The Adult Community Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 20th. We will discuss I'm Glad My Mom Died by Jennette McCurdy and Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank Bunker Gilbreth Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey.

**Buildings and Grounds Report:**

The lift is in and passed inspection. Gene will finish the brick work around the lift and finish the work on the windows so that the NY State Construction Grant can be closed out.

Mosher Carpet will be working on the two main floors of the library in August.

### **Fundraising/Events**

Sweet Pea Design Fundraiser is up and running.

We will hold an adult paint night with Prickly Pear on June 26th.

Book Sale will be held Saturday, June 7th from 9-Noon in conjunction with the Community Garage Sales.

**Grants:** Waiting for a response on the grant written for a security system.

**Policies Approved...** Anti-Nepotism Policy, Book, Periodical, Audio Book, and DVD Policy and Freedom to View Policies were approved after the corrections were made.

### **New Business:**

Summer Reading Program is being worked on by Cassie.

Karen and possibly Elizabeth will represent the Board as judges for the Sherman Day Parade.

The School Carnival will be held Thursday, June 5th from 6-8. Chris and Krista will sit at the library table.

Cindy was thanked for bringing in the Women's Suffrage Display. We are thankful that she goes above and beyond to bring our library alive,

### **Monthly Meeting Focus Topic:**

Trustee Education Requirements

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025

Adjournment: President Armes adjourned the meeting @ 7:16.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Warren