

**+BLUE MOUND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
JULY 28, 2025**

Attendance:

Nancy Gorden, President
Julie Chapman, Vice-President
Dani Noland, Secretary
Anne Byard, Trustee
Cindy Ervin, Trustee
Diana Kupish, Trustee
Audrey Miller, Library Director
Alice Reed, Consultant
Eloise Fitzpatrick, Employee

The meeting was opened with The Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02pm.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Motion to accept the Secretary's minutes of the June Board meeting was made by Diana Kupish, seconded by Julie Chapman. Motion passed.

Eloise Fitzpatrick informed the Board she has also been employed at the Mt. Zion Library but will continue at the Blue Mound Library also. The Board congratulated her and expressed our excitement for her to continue here and begin at Mt. Zion. Eloise also stated she plans to obtain her Master's degree in Library and Informational Science through online course.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was discussed; Julie Chapman made a motion, with a second by Cindy Ervin, to transfer \$1636.45 from the Corporate Fund to IMRF/Social Security Fund. Discussion held and motion passed.

The 2025-2026 Budget Committee reported more tax dollars are available. A new Budget was presented reflecting the extra money, but emphasis on the Board expressing our need to replenish our funds after many large expenses the past few years. It was noted the furnace for the back room is old and may need replaced in the near future. Diana Kupish made a motion to pass this Budget, a second was made by Anne Byard, with motion passed. Budget meeting is set for August 25, 2025 at 6pm.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Audrey Miller gave her report for the month, highlighting past and future programs.

OLD BUSINESS

Premium amounts for Director's and Officer's Insurance Policy rates were presented. Diana Kupish made a motion, seconded by Cindy Ervin, to accept Likes Insurance policy for \$707/yr. Discussion was held and motion passed.

The Fall Festival Parade entry for the Library was discussed with several participants signed up to volunteer to walk/ride in the parade. Audrey will locate the long Library banner and have it ready to be held by 3 adults.

Anne Byard and Cindy Ervin, committee for review of the past Board minutes, gave a report. They have located missing pages and added to the book of minutes. **An addition to the June 23, 2025 Board minutes should state IHLS covered the cost of Director's University Audrey will attend and the Board decided not to use the What'sUp App to text patrons concerning their overdue materials.**

August, 2025 Board Meeting will include a discussion of whether to install Microsoft Office program on the new computer (discussion had been tabled) and items on the Librarian's "Wish List" (discussion had been tabled).

The \$100/yr. storage fee at the Blue Mound Community Center is due and Alice will pay this in August. Discussion was had regarding storing the items back at the Library, as there is very little in the storage room.

NEW BUSINESS

Audrey Miller presented information about ILA membership available to us. We have done this in the past, with little use of the benefits to offset the \$85/yr fee. Audrey will report back at the next meeting as to whether area libraries are participating in this membership and if they benefit much from this.

Discussion was held regarding program attendance decline. Decline in attendance is significant at children's programs. Ways to increase attendance were discussed, including less programs but good quality presentations (which will cost more), families lives are busier, getting out information to families so they know about our programs, present information at school in person as well as by print, using resources there, such as the PreSchool Coordinator's activities.

OTHER

Discussion was held on the library schedule and creating a folder for receipts necessary to pay bills on time. Audrey Miller, Library Director and Alice Reed, consultant, discussed ways to deal with overdue items.

Julie Chapman made a motion, with a second by Cindy Ervin, to adjourn at 8:18pm. Motion passed. Next Meeting is August 25, 2025.

Dani Noland, Secretary