

**BLUE MOUND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2025**

ATTENDANCE:

Nancy Gorden, President
Julie Chapman, Vice President
Dani Noland, Secretary
Amy Brown, Treasurer
Anne Byard, Trustee
Cindy Ervin, Trustee
Diana Kupish, Trustee
Audrey Miller, Library Director
Alice Reed, Consultant

The meeting was opened with The Pledge of Allegiance at 5:58pm

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Diana Kupish made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and with errors in the September 22, 2025 minutes corrected. Amy Brown made a second to the motion and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented. A new CD was taken out for \$20,000, which is money transferred from the Corporate Fund, as discussed at the October meeting. Diana Kupish made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, with Julie Chapman making a second. Motion passed.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Audrey Miller, Library Director, presented her monthly report. Ellie has done a phenomenal job with the new Teen programs she has created. The Library Crawl and Storytime were well attended. Erin has ordered more Amish oriented books and Monica has finished her project.

Since the library is not needed for the Easter Egg Hunt set up now, it was decided to start Storytime 2026 the week of February 15, 2026.

The Board agreed to have *done (djr)* **The Blue Mound Leader's** bound, as we've done in the past.

Board members signed up to bring cookies for Santa Visit Day at the library. Fliers have been placed on community bulletin boards about Santa Visit Day. Audrey was directed to post EVERYDAY about Santa Visit Day, leading up to this event. Santa will be coming at 10:00 due to our lack of asking him in a timely fashion. We will make sure to ask him that day for the first Saturday in 2026. We also let Audrey know we usually prepare a cookie tray for Santa and one for Mrs. Claus, with a Thank You note attached.

OLD BUSINESS

The Village has monitored our water usage and there has been no extra usage this month. We will not put a lock on the outside faucet.

The Energy Contract expires the end of February, 2026. Julie Chapman made a motion to go back and use Ameren for all our usage and eliminate the other company, Engie. Amy Brown made a second to the motion. Motion passed. Audrey will call Ameren and find out how to discontinue Engie.

NEW BUSINESS

Leonard Thomas was inquiring about the painting his father did, displayed in the Library. A motion was made by Anne Byard to attach a dated note to the back of each painting in the Library stating if the Library is no longer wanting it, it will be given back to the family. Cindy Ervin made a seconded to the motion. Motion passed.

Dates were set for Board Meetings in 2026, with Tuesday, May 26, 2026 being the change from our Monday meeting, due to the Memorial Day holiday. This list should be posted on the Library Bulletin Board and on the FaceBook page.

Amy made a motion to table discussion on the circulation desk computer and IT. Julie Chapman made a second to the motion. Motion passed.

Audrey inquired about doing a community survey for feedback about materials and services. The Board directed her to bring a sample of a survey she is thinking of using.

Discussion was held about starting Summer Reading earlier, without interfering with the church's community Bible School, expanding programs using higher end (more expensive) programs 2 times, etc. A Committee of Diana Kupish and Anne Byard was made to meet with Audrey in regards to changes/additions Audrey has in mind. It was suggested YouTube presentations may be available to view programs, as well as requesting a video from possible presenters/programs. Cost sharing with area libraries will still be looked into.

OTHER

Nancy Gorden will see if Peerless Cleaners is available to steam clean the back room carpet in January, now that Storytime is over and Santa's visit day will be done. With changing to steam cleaning, we are hoping for it to be cleaner and more spots removed.

PERSONNEL

Discussion was had regarding the regular cleaning of the Library. We will meet with Carolyn Wetzel in December to further this discussion.

Evaluation Committee will meet December 9th and then with Audrey December 11th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm was made by Amy Brown. A second was made by Julie Chapman and motion passed.

Dani Noland, Secretary