

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Darcy Library of Beulah

February 17, 2026

Call to Order: The regular Board of Trustees meeting called to order at 3:36 PM. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Cathy Hahn, Chloe McGehee, Ann Strehle, Debby Laslo, Christy Trigg (Director)

Absent: Betsy Taylor, Dan Schoonmaker

Approval of Agenda: Hahn moved to approve the agenda, Laslo supported, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes From Previous Meeting (1-20-2025): Laslo moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, McGehee supported, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (See corresponding documents)

- Financial Statements for seven-months ending January 31, 2026 were reviewed.
- The net loss was \$48,283 compared to the budgeted loss of \$49,658.
 - Significant budget variations were noted in the balance sheet in ***Bold Italics***.
 - Bank balances of \$124,077 include Michigan Class balance.
 - The Equity (Fund Balance) of \$119,395 reflects the six-month loss of \$48,283.
 - Unpaid bills (\$3668.35), Paid bills (\$12,229.39) since last meeting January 20, 2026.
 - McGehee moved to approve the financial statement and payment of bills, Laslo supported, motion approved.
- Property tax payments are coming in, expect about \$87,000. Have received about \$51,000 as of February 13, 2026.
- Lake Township contract is still being discussed see unfinished business.

Director's Report (Christy Trigg - Director)

- Winter focus-Inventory and weeding of the collection, staff development
- Grant awarded from Benzie County Community Chest to update games and STEM kits.
- Policy and Procedures: Immigration Enforcement and Social Media Policy, will need to be reviewed and/or developed.
- Christy was interviewed by WUWU radio and by The Record Patriot about programs at the Library.
- Area Pride Network donated 6 books to our collection.
- Working on Summer Reading Program line-up. "Unearth a Story" is the theme; Sea Shanty singer and storyteller, Dinosaur plaster activities...
- First homebound books were returned by homebound seniors. 3 patrons
- Trialing digital Ipad subscriptions and working on utilizing 4 Chromebooks for Minecraft Guild.
- Knitting group to hold a drawing during Dr. Seuss week.
- Upcoming events and recent events with participation numbers were listed.
- Presented stats regarding patron activity, genre of books loaned, and number of books loaned.

Committee Reports

Personnel Committee

- None

Building and Grounds

- None

Liaison Report with Friends of the Darcy Library

- WinterFest Cookie Sale earned \$1830.

Unfinished Business (Tabled)

- **Anishinaabe Land Acknowledgement**
 - Nothing new to report
- **Helen Tanner American Indian Collection**
 - Process of updating the cataloging and referencing is continuing
- **ADA Compliance**
 - No updates
- **Millage Committee**
 - Looking at ballot language via Foster Swift.
- **Lake Township Contract**
 - The contract dates are not consistent with the fiscal year. We would like to continue to work this out with Lake Township and thus are not ready to agree to the contract.
 - Motion made by Laslo to not sign the most recent contract and continue to work out the details in order to come to an agreement with Lake Township, McGehee supported, the motion was approved.

New Business

- None

Other Business

- None

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 3:30 PM at the Darcy Library.

Adjournment:

McGehee moved to adjourn the meeting, Hahn supported. Meeting adjourned at 4:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Catherine Hahn, Recording Secretary