

**BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

**April 4, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Bedford Public Library Board of Trustees was held on April 4, 2025 in the Richmond Room. In attendance were Lee Joyce (Chair), Lauren Saidel-Baker (Trustee), Catherine Rombeau (Alternate Trustee acting as Full Trustee), Kevin Brown (Alternate Trustee), Miriam Johnson (Director), and Caitlin Loving (Assistant Director). The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Lee asked Catherine to serve as a Full Trustee in Jerry Hanauer's absence.

**Motion:** Lee made a motion to have Catherine serve as a Full Trustee; seconded by Lauren. The motion passed unanimously.

**Election of Officers—**

**Motion:** Lauren made a motion to nominate Lee Joyce to serve as Chair of the Board of Trustees; Catherine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Lee made a motion to nominate Jerry Hanauer to serve as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees; Lauren seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Secretary's Report—**Minutes from the March 14, 2025 meeting were accepted and approved.

**Treasurer's Report—**The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

**Acceptance of Gifts —**Miscellaneous donations - \$61.00.

**Motion:** Lee made a motion to accept all gifts; Catherine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Director's Report –** See attached.

**Old Business:**

**Budget 2025—**The current budget was reviewed.

**Director Evaluation - April 15—**Any input for the evaluation should be sent to Lee before this date to be added to the evaluation.

**Petition:** A patron asked if there was a petition that they can sign in support of libraries in light of the IMLS cuts and changes. After a brief discussion it was decided to add contact information for elected officials to the website.

**Trustee Funds Disbursement Request— Tabled** Jerry was not present.

**New Business:**

**Alternate Trustees—**The current Alternate Trustees would like to continue serving.

**Motion:** Lee made a motion to re-nominate Catherine Rombeau and Kevin Brown as Alternate Trustees; Lauren seconded; Catherine abstained. The vote passed unanimously.

**Staff Training Day Lunch—**Miriam requested funds for the Staff Training Day lunch.

**Motion:** Lee made a motion to approve spending up to \$500 on the Staff Training Day lunch; Lauren seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Building walk-through—**

The next meetings will be held on Friday, May 9, 2025; Friday, June 13, 2025; Friday, July 11, 2025; Friday, August 8, 2025; Friday, September 19, 2025; and Friday, October 3, 2025; at 9:00 a.m. in the Richmond Room. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miriam Johnson  
Library Director

Caitlin Loving  
Assistant Director