

FOREST COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Crandon Public Library

110 W. Park Street

Crandon, WI 54520

Meeting Room A

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Carol Bartlein
2. Roll Call - Present: Carol Bartlein, Linda Harter, Peter Davison, Bill Hickman, Jasmine Hanson, Laurie Renel-Faledas, Sam Augustin, Brooke Demming, and Brian Piasini. Absent: Stacy Chrisman, Mary LeMaster, and Felicia Albrecht
3. Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve the agenda presented by Pete with a second by Bill. Motion carried.
4. Guest Appearances - Kris Adams Wendt WLA legislative report and WVLS report sent via email.
-Forest County Library Committee members reported that the budget is being worked on at this time. The failure of the referendum continues to make budgeting difficult.
5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Motion to approve the minutes from January 15th meeting as amending (Wabeno Library is approx. 50% finished with ADA compliance) was made by Pete with a second by Linda. Motion carried.
6. Financial Report - The Financial Report was presented. The account has remaining: \$99.59 supplies, \$400 for Forest County Visitors' Guide Book.
7. Membership Update - Carol reported that our board is still one member short. She will be contacting a potential new member that was suggested.
8. Budget for 2026 - In light of current budget concerns it was agreed we would request a continuance of our current rate of 80% funding from the County.
9. FCLB Library Plan 2025-2029: How are we doing meeting this goal? "All Forest county libraries' directors and their support organizations shall work together to make residents, visitors, elected officials, and decision-makers more aware of the intrinsic value of their library collections, services, program, and building that provide employment, education and enjoyment for all who live, work and play in Forest County." - Discussion followed including ways to communicate. Using social media regularly was suggested. The use recently of Crandon's Library as a warming shelter during the ice storm was recognized. The continuation of the Digital Navigator as a resource to help

library staff with patrons increased use of technology was mentioned as an example of services offered and used at our libraries.

10. Reports - **Crandon Public Library** - Laurie reported on a large variety of programs they have offered and plan to offer. They will be celebrating their 25 Anniversary. The Travel Series continues to be well attended, with several in planned in the future. Summer programs are planned. A new furnace was installed, painting the lower level is almost complete. and the security camera update was finished.

Wabeno Public Library - Jasmine continues to work on ADA compliance and a webpage for the FCLB.

Edith Evans Library - no report

WVLS Library Advisory Committee - no report at this time

WVLS Board of Trustees - no report at this time

11. Comments/Concerns/Correspondence - None

12. Meeting Schedule for 2024 - Next meeting date set for 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 9, at Edith Evans Library in Laona.

12. Motion to adjourn by Linda with a second by Bill. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by -
Linda Harter