

**Dr. Grace O. Doane Alden Public Library  
Trustee Meeting**

**Date/Time:** April 1, 2026  
**Location:** Alden Library

Dean Vandervort      present X absent\_\_\_  
Chris Kuhnle:          present\_\_X\_ absent \_\_  
Jessica Christensen:   present \_\_absent X  
Lucy Rodriguez:        present\_X\_\_\_ absent\_

Kathy Blome:           present\_X\_ absent\_\_\_  
Carol Vanderloop:    present\_\_X\_ absent\_\_\_  
Meagan Herrin        present\_\_\_ absent\_X\_\_  
Lisa Liittschwager:    present\_\_X\_ absent\_\_\_

**Minutes Approval:** Reviewed minutes. Move to approve by Jessica Christensen, seconded\_ by Kathy Blome, Passed unanimously.

**Librarian's Report:** The library has been busy, seed library is ready, summer reading is all planned out, partnering with the pool for some extra events this summer.

**Approve Librarian's Report:** Moved \_Dean Vandervort\_\_ Seconded\_\_ Chris Kuhnle\_\_\_\_\_  
(narrative/notes): Passed unanimously.

Special Account Balance: \$11225.06

**Approve Bills:** Moved \_Kathy Blome\_\_ Seconded\_\_Dean Vandervort \_\_\_\_\_  
(narrative/notes): Passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Grant updates: received \$18,000 from HCCEF for our cameras and locks which Weikert's will install; Nextera Energy gave us a grant of \$1,000 for STEM materials such as supplies for the 3D printer and Stem kits; Church Women United gave us \$2,000 to replace our sinks in the kitchen and the office; received \$20,000 from American Library Association for accessibility in rural libraries which may include large print books, audio books, handicapped door access in the bathroom, etc., also were invited to apply for a grant from the American Library Association to provide adult literacy which may include computer literacy, English as a second language, or adult basic education. There are several trainings that will be required with this grant. We will find out at the end of May if we will receive the grant.

Dean Vandervort will attend the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation to pick up our grant check at the upcoming event.

Hansen Family Hospital is doing the summer lunch program again this year, but Alden will not have a pick-up site. The library is going to reach out and try to be a site for the summer.

There were three Storywalk posts pulled out of their holes in the park. Dean Vandervort reported that city council agreed to fix them.

**Old Business**

None

**Rental Reviews**

One rental and everything was fine.

**Board Education** – momentrix overview.

**Public comments**

None

**Adjourn: Time 12:01pm**, motion by Kathy Blome Seconded by Chris Kuhnle passed unanimously. Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday**, May 13, 2026 at 11:30pm.