

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

Date/Time: August 5, 2026
Location: Alden Library

Dean Vandervort present ☒ absent ____
Chris Kuhnle: present ☒ absent ____
Jessica Christensen: present ____ absent ☒
Lucy Rodriguez: present ☒ absent ☒

Kathy Blome: present ☒ absent ____
Carol Vanderloop: present ☒ absent ____
Meagan Herrin present ☒ absent ____
Lisa Liittschwager: present ☒ absent ____

Minutes Approval: Reviewed minutes from June. Motion made to approve both by Dean Vandervort and seconded by Kathy Blome, passed unanimously.

Dean -Aye	Lucy – Aye	Carol -Aye
Chris – Aye	Kathy – Aye	Megan - Aye

Librarian's Report: Approve Librarian's Report:

Summer reading program has been completed and went very well. Danielle started a new weekly scavenger hunt for a picture of a gnome that she hides somewhere in Alden and gives clues. The person who finds it can bring it in for a prize. We want to expand that next year. August is a time we use to reset the library, organize, clean and get ready for the upcoming school year. Lunches will finish on August 7th, did 135 lunches in July. Looking to try to start a podcast type recording to record Alden history.

Moved Kathy Blome ____ Seconded Meagan Herrin ____
(narrative/notes): Passed unanimously.

Dean -Aye	Lucy – Aye	Carol -Aye
Chris – Aye	Kathy – Aye	Megan - Aye

Special Account Balance: \$11234.29

Approve Bills: Moved Meagan Herrin ____ Seconded Dean Vandervort ____
(narrative/notes): Passed unanimously.

Dean -Aye	Lucy – Aye	Carol -Aye
Chris – Aye	Kathy – Aye	Megan - Aye

New Business

Motion made by Lucy Rodriguez to reappoint Dean Vandervort to the library board for a term of six years, seconded by Kathy Blome, passed unanimously.

Dean -Aye	Lucy – Aye	Carol -Aye
Chris – Aye	Kathy – Aye	Megan - Aye

Motion made by Dean Vandervort to keep the President (Carol Vanderloop), Vice President (Kathy Blome), and Secretary (Lucy Rodriguez) for the next year, seconded by Meagan Herrin, passed unanimously.

Dean -Aye	Lucy – Aye	Carol -Aye
Chris – Aye	Kathy – Aye	Megan - Aye

Old Business

HCCEF – new cameras and locks, should finish by the end of August to complete locks, cameras are completed and working great.

Accessibility grant- having another community discussion at the end of August, going to ARSL Conference in September as required by grant, and have monthly online meetings starting in January 2027.

Sinks – messaged Imperial Points and have not heard back. Might have to look for someone else if they are no longer interested in the job.

Roof/chimney – will contact Hadwigers and see if they can check flashing around chimney when they do repairs. Dean mentioned about capping the chimney which Lisa thinks it may have already be done. Lisa will check on that.

Summer Lunches Update –summer lunches will be done on Friday, August 7th, 2026. Served 135 lunches in July. Started serving 30+ and it has dwindled to 12-15 in July.

Rental Reviews

No rentals in July.

Board Education

Review law change about open meetings and postings.

Public comments

None.

Adjourn: Time 11:46am, motion by Kathy Blome Seconded by Meagan Herrin, passed unanimously.

Dean -Aye

Lucy – Aye

Carol -Aye

Chris – Aye

Kathy – Aye

Megan - Aye

Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday**, October 14th, 2026 at 11:30pm.