

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

Date/Time: January 9, 2025
Location: Alden Library

Greg Lascheid: present__ absent__X_
Dean Vandervort present X absent__
Chris Kuhnle: present_X__ absent _
Jessica Christensen: present X by phone

Lucy Rodriguez: present__X_ absent_
Kathy Blome: present_X_ absent__
Carol Vanderloop: present_X__ absent__
Lisa Liittschwager: present__X_ absent__

Minutes Approval: Reviewed minutes. Move to approve. Moved by Jessica Christensen Seconded_ by Kathy Blome, Passed unanimously.

Librarian's Report: Children's program starts next week. Starting to plan the summer reading program. Invited to participate in the Alden Elementary School STEM Night in February. Have all new children's books (200+) on the shelves. Lisa is completing reports for the two grants that provided the books (Pilcrow and Brownstone).

Moved by Dean Vandervort Seconded by Kathy Blome, Passed unanimously.

Special Account Balance: \$10,708.93

Approve Bills: Moved __Jessica Christensen __ Seconded__ Chris Kuhnle ____
(narrative/notes): Passed unanimously.

New Business

Budget FY2026 – reviewed two proposed budgets. Motion made by Jessica Christensen to choose option 2 budget, seconded by Dean Vandervort, passed unanimously.

Old Business

Storm repair updates –window is scheduled to be replaced next week. Downstairs above the door has been fixed, have asked for the strip under the door to be replaced by the contractor. Trees have been cut down in the back, suggested to contact Calkins to partner before planning/planting new trees.
Fire Alarm System update – have applied for HCCEF grant.

Board Education

Library as a place- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IBWH2vSfCM&t=861s>

Ray Oldenberg's term "third place" and how it applies to libraries. A place that intersects home, work and community. The library is a neutral place and social leveler. Has shared spaces, shared ideas, and shared collections. Alden Library strives to be a "third place" for patrons.

Adjourn: Time 12:01 pm , motion by Jessica Christensen Seconded by Lucy Rodriguez passed unanimously.