

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

**Date/Time:** November 12, 2025  
**Location:** Alden Library

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

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

**Minutes Approval:** Reviewed minutes. Move to approve by Lucy Rodriguez Seconded\_ by Kathy Blome, Passed unanimously.

**Librarian's Report:** Carnegie Foundation is giving all Carnegie libraries \$10,000 in January, even those who no longer have their Carnegie building. Discussed some concerns and policies for the after-school program regarding children's behaviors. Also have three new children enrolled in the after-school program for those in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Storytime on Thursdays have been going very well and have been attended anywhere between 8-12 children. Exploring the use of volunteers to help with book clubs for adults. The 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade after-school program is involved in a book club.

**Approve Librarian's Report:** Moved \_Kathy Blome\_\_ Seconded\_\_Lucy Rodriguez \_\_\_\_\_  
(narrative/notes): Passed unanimously.

Special Account Balance: \$9965.14

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

**New Business**

Reviewed and approved the updated Library Circulation Policy, motion made by Jessica Christensen, seconded by Dean Vandervort, passed unanimously.

Carnegie Grant and other grant opportunities were reviewed along with a list of grant wishes. Director is working on getting quotes for items on the list.

Holiday hours-the library will be closed from December 25<sup>th</sup>-December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, motion made by Kathy Blome, and seconded by Jessica Christensen, passed unanimously.

Reviewed community survey results to date.

**Old Business**

None.

**Rental Reviews**

There were no rentals to review.

**Board Education**

Strategic planning- reviewed SOAR Analysis, worksheet 13. Discussed diversity and providing forms and information in other languages, if needed. Work with school to find out ELL numbers. Other areas for plan including bringing more people into the library with book clubs as expressed in the community survey, and the need for a possible increase in staff pay. Director will do research about pay in Alden and other libraries for comparison.

**Adjourn: Time 12:17 pm,** motion by Jessica Christensen Seconded by Kathy Blome, passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 11:30pm.