

**Griswold Memorial Library Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 8, 2025**  
**6:00 pm, online by Zoom**

**I. Opening**

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

Present: Hadley Looman, Nancy Turkle, Cheli Mennella,  
Betty Purington Johnson, Dagoberto Driggs, Val Finkel.

Regrets: Mikaela Whitaker

- b. Land acknowledgement  
c. Team agreements

**II. Approval of agenda**

Betty moved we approve the agenda as amended to include Colrain Food For All under New Business. Nancy seconded. Agenda approved.

**III. Approval of meeting minutes**

Betty moved we approve November minutes as written. Dago seconded. Minutes approved.

**IV. Public comments**

None.

**V. Reports**

a. Director's report

Updates on the new sign: Val talked with Chelsea who said the sign is slated to go in a new place, and we may want to wait until spring when ground is thawed to dig new holes; Val will meet with Steven Laroque by the end of the year; Aaron will take possession of the sign and store it; the roof and posts are in the basement; there is a suggestion for lighting on front of sign and lighting for building, to be brought up to the Cornerstone Committee.

Great turnouts for sourdough and sewing programs; a suggestion made for better sanding as someone fell after the sourdough workshop because the stairs were not sanded completely; the Poetry Collective changed the format to hybrid and plans on bringing in local poets to read; Story Hour is returning with Ms Betty; Dogman movie party at Colrain Central will include a pop-up library; the annual mailer has library info and donation appeal on the front and an introduction to the community discussion for strategic planning on the back; waiting on getting rokus back into circulation; Val and Dominique participated in Incident Command Training; ALA grant due soon and Val is working on it; Val also working on FY27 budget.

Betty moved we accept the Director's Report. Nancy seconded. DR accepted.

b. Treasurer's report

Betty has not gotten accountant report since 10/31, so not able to balance with them, a report is missing on payroll, and one Ingram bill was posted twice.

Cheli moved we accept Treasurer's Report as given. Nancy seconded. TR accepted.

c. Cornerstone Committee report

Nothing to report

d. Governance Committee report

There was a challenge to the building use policy in regards to a public meeting held at the GML. The Governance Committee will work on updating and clarifying GML's building use policies.

**VI. Ongoing Business**

a. Strategic planning

Val getting recommended wording on crisis center priorities, changed values from sustainability to reliability and inclusivity to belonging.

b. Building & grounds

See Director's Report for updates on new sign.

**VII. New Business**

a. Annual town mailer

Discussed earlier in meeting.

b. FY 27 budget

Val working on the budget. Trustees will meet again before the budget is due to vote on final version.

c. Colrain Food For All

Nancy introduced a new mutual aid program in town called Colrain Food For All, which will be working to feed our community. The group is sponsored by the Interfaith Council and will be getting a membership to the Food Bank. The school is getting more involved this year, and the group is looking for volunteers to help with different jobs related to their food distribution program.

**VIII. Next meeting**

Next meeting scheduled for December 29, 2025.

**IX. Adjourn**

Betty moved we adjourn. Hadley seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Cheli Mennella*