

Griswold Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/5/26

Hybrid—in library and online via Zoom

1. Opening

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Roll Call:

- i. Dago Lydgate-Driggs, Co-Chair
 - ii. Cheli Mennella, Co-Chair
 - iii. Mikaela Whitaker, Secretary
 - iv. Betty Johnson, Treasurer
 - v. Nancy Turkle, Member at Large
 - vi. Hadley Looman, Member at Large
- In Attendance in person: Hadley, Val
In Attendance via Zoom: Dago, Cheli, Mikaela, Betty, Nancy
Regrets: none

- b. Land Acknowledgement
- c. Team Agreements

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to approve agenda as written by Nancy.
- b. Motion seconded by Betty.
- c. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Meeting minutes from December not ready, will be approved next month.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Reports

a. Director's Report

Some highlights: Val met with Stephen Laroque, has more information about possibilities for entrance to the library but there is still more to learn. Jade is continuing to do snow removal and the town is available as a backup as they have made additional hires. Planning a Dogman movie viewing party at the school. Streaming services are able to be checked out again. See Director's Report for more details.

- i. Motion to approve January Director's Report as submitted by Betty.
- ii. Motion seconded by Hadley.
- iii. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Treasurer's Report

Able to get a report from the town accountant through December 24th and match everything.

- i. Motion to accept January Treasurer's Report as submitted by Nancy.
 - ii. Motion seconded by Mikaela.
 - iii. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- c. Cornerstone Committee Report
This committee hasn't met this month. Received the information from Stephen Laroque and will review when they meet next.
- d. Governance Committee Report
Hasn't met but needs to review some policies. Dago and Cheli are willing to be involved along with Val.

6. Ongoing Business

- a. Strategic Planning: Val is working on the format for the community input forum on January 24th at 3pm. Will keep us posted about any additional needs.
- b. Budget FY 27- Vote
Some highlights: Wage increase is 2.5% COLA as advised by town administrator, no additional raise. Utilities got a 4% increase per town administrator. The cost of belonging to CWMARS slightly decreased.
Betty moves that we accept the budget as presented. Hadley seconds. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

7. New Business

- a. Trustees check-in, terms, 2026 elections.
Discussed how all trustees are feeling about their roles and responsibilities.

8. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Betty.
- b. Motion seconded by Hadley.
- c. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9th Hybrid at 6pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mikaela Whitaker.