

**ANDES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 18, 2025**

Present: Nancy Darling, Suzanne Gladstone, Thomas Navin, Linda Lederman, Director
Carol Fontaine, Treasurer Maggie Reinmann

Meeting was called to order at the Library by vice president Suzanne Gladstone at 3:00 p.m. Minutes of board meeting of July 17th were reviewed. Tom made a motion and Nancy seconded to approve the minutes. **Motion to approve the minutes passed. (See Attached)**

President's Report:

Suzanne presented Susan's President's Report. The "August in Bloom" Garden Tour was a great success. We are deeply grateful to the Garden Club, those who opened their gardens, and Derek Curl for his generous soiree — APL received over \$4,000. We are also very grateful to Derek Curl for his generous support and providing us with the landscaping services to clean up the front pollinator garden and ground cover, and relocating the pollinator garden when it was finished blooming. The grounds will continue to be maintained by Corin and her crew, thanks to Derek's amazingly generous gift of year-round care. Next spring we will need ideas how to move forward.

Carol mentioned that Jacqueline Arsenuk would donate three boxwoods to add to the front of the library, and Tom stated that they would need to be the same kind as those already planted, although we could use them in other places in the back of the library.

All board members were reminded that they are required to take two hours of training classes every year, including sexual harassment training, and a completion certificate should be placed in each board member's folder.

The library's first-time-ever participation in the Andes Community Day Parade was a huge hit. We had a great turnout of all ages accompanying our float. Children and adults carried signs, teens rode their hoverboards, one very antique tractor brought up the rear, and kids handed out pens stamped "Andes Public Library." Leading the library entourage were Tom and Gino carrying our new library banner. Our float won a trophy for "Most Creative." We also received two gift certificates as a prize, and most likely will offer them in a raffle at some future fundraising event.

Treasurer's Report:

Maggie presented the Treasurer's Report for July and August, providing a breakdown of fundraising amounts:

\$267 - Summer Fair

\$2095 - Garden Tour

\$2287.40 - Garden Tour

\$4649.40 - Total Fundraising for July and August

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Tom asked about the issue of taxes not being paid and resulting penalties. Maggie explained that the issue had been resolved and the penalties were refunded.

Tom made a motion and Linda seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was passed. (See Attached)**

Director's Report:

Carol presented the Director's Report for July/August

- Carol stated that the summer was busy, and that the number of books sent out was pretty good. She asked for ideas to get more kids into the library, and Suzanne recommended that Carol confer with Grace at the school for possibilities with CROP. Carol also mentioned accessibility to scores for reading proficiency and dyslexia, and neuromedical diagnosis for tutoring. Suzanne suggested Carol speak with the School's Superintendent for ways to implement other programs to benefit students.
- Karen Bornarth made a presentation to the school, with library card application forms, and none came back.
- Linda mentioned there is no psychologist at the school.
- There was a good response to online posts to play canasta and Mah Jong at the library.
- Carol said the kids' room is finished except for more shelving for chapter books. She asked board members to be on the lookout for a kids' table with chairs, as the one we have is rickety and the chairs are uncomfortable.
- An Antiquarian from Hobart came to the library and took all of the books that the library needed to dispose of.
- Looking for ideas how to appeal to teens to visit the library as they do not come in.
- Switching out Young Adult books to upstairs and Gardening and Art books downstairs. Linda is in agreement, as there is no handicapped access to books kept upstairs, although assistance is available if requested. Tom suggested a sign by the stairs to please ask for assistance if there is difficulty with the stairs.
- Dragon Wagon offered to replace the missing dinosaur books that disappeared during the Summer Fair, but Carol said they were outdated and no need to replace.
- The toner in printer is empty; the paper tray full. Toner was ordered. One CLS computer is not working; A new computer is \$875 to replace, and it is to be determined whether we really need it.

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- Gino will be holding a Shakespeare event in October and is advertising it.
- Emails were sent asking if there is interest in receiving blast announcements with library events, and will be sent again. People are using the stats posted on our website.

Nancy made a motion and Linda seconded to approve the Director's Report. **Motion to approve the Director's Report passed. (See Attached)**

OLD BUSINESS:

Float and Garden Tour were a great success.

Donation letters have been sent out.

Misunderstanding about the library being open on Community Day will be cleared up for next year.

Looking to improve next year's involvement with Stars and Stripes/Dana's Place, by forming a committee as liaison. The goal is to generate funds for APL.

NEW BUSINESS:

Many thanks to Tom for his Garden Tour article in the Andes Gazette, spotlighting the library and its great value to the community.

We should relocate the totes being offered on a table in the library to another location.

The holes will be filled in the parking lot until further notice. The trucks are too big for any further work at this time.

Carol requested a volunteer for the desk on September 27th.

Master List of those who have keys will be kept in a drawer at the desk and on the computer.

Thank you template has been given to DBS in Delhi. Two per page @ 50 cents per page. We will get 500 note cards with 250 pages, costing \$125.

Tom spoke of the Pollinator Garden being relocated to the side of the library, and will serve a wonderful purpose. The previous location in the front looked messy, obscures the porch and library sign. New location between the building and gazebo is much better. It's cooler and they will die out and come back in the spring, providing a much cleaner look.

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We will coordinate with Corin for purchases as a 501-c-3 non profit and tax free. Suzanne offered dried manure for the gardens, and we will purchase three boxwoods this year and vinca in the spring.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn and Suzanne seconded. Motion to Adjourn passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Darling
Recording Secretary