

**Galena Public Library**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

May 19th, 2025

Call to order, roll call

Vice President Vanderpool called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Trustees present: Maria Rector, Alison Vanderpool, Frances Beadle, and Katherine Walker. Excused: Sandra Schultz, Mike Blaum, and Emily Sprengelmeyer. Also present were incoming trustees Debbie Larys, Jason Stauter, Pete Regez, and Library Director Jenna Diedrich.

Oath of Office

Maria Rector, Pete Regez, Debbie Larys, and Jason Stauter were sworn in by Vice President Alison Vanderpool. Outgoing trustees Vanderpool and Beadle left the meeting.

Election of officers

Diedrich opened the floor for officer nominations. Walker nominated herself for Board President. Rector moved to approve Walker's nomination as Board President. Regez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Rector nominated herself for Vice President. Larys moved to approve Rector's nomination. Stauter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Larys nominated herself for Treasurer. Rector moved to approve Larys' nomination. Walker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

No nominations were put forth for Secretary. It was decided to wait until one of the vacant board seats was filled. Diedrich offered to take minutes for the time being.

Call to order by new BP/Secretary

Walker recalled the meeting to order at 6:46. Diedrich took a roll call. Trustees present: Maria Rector, Pete Regez, Debbie Larys, Jason Stauter, and Katherine Walker. Excused: Emily Sprengelmeyer and Mike Blaum.

Aaron Cullen, Honkamp Krueger - Accounting Firm

Aaron Cullen reviewed the April Financial Statement for the new board. Cullen gave a brief explanation as to how the books are reconciled each month. Cullen typically attends one board meeting per year, ideally at the same meeting that the audit is presented.

### Citizen comments

Hendrica Regez requested a photo be taken for the Gazette. Regez took a photo of the board and will submit it to the Gazette.

### Consent agenda

Rector moved to approve the consent agenda. Larys seconded. Walker requested a roll call vote.

Vote: Regez - aye, Larys - aye, Rector - aye, Stauter - aye, Walker - aye. Motion passed.

### Financial report

No discussion.

### Treasurer's report

No report.

### Friends report

Friends President Betsy Hansen updated the board on the Book Sale. She passed out two bookmarks: one with information about yearly activities and the second for the Book Sale. Donations will be accepted for another two weeks, until June 2nd. The Friends' Annual Meeting will be on June 25th with Michelle Cox as guest speaker.

### Library Director's report

Diedrich informed the board that the library received a \$500 donation from the Lion's Club. Donations from the Lions Club always go towards something that increases accessibility. Diedrich suggested this donation be put towards a website accessibility audit. The library did have one conducted by the website developer, but they do not specialize in web accessibility. Diedrich is researching organizations that provide these services.

A brief discussion was had on updating policies on library cards (within the Circulation Policy) to include language on providing cards to the unhoused.

### Board President's report

Walker opened the floor to requests for committee assignments. After discussion the following assignments were made:

- Building & Grounds: Regez (chair), Rector, and Walker
- Finance: Larys (chair), Walker, and incoming Secretary
- Human Resources: Rector (chair), Walker, and incoming trustee

- Policy: Stauter (chair), Regez, and Larys

#### Committees

No reports.

#### Unfinished business

None.

#### New business

Resignation of Emily Sprengelmeyer. Regez moved to approve the resignation of Emily Sprengelmeyer. Larys seconded. Walker requested a roll call vote.

Vote: Stauter - aye, Rector - aye, Larys - aye, Regez - aye, Walker - aye. Motion passed.

Roll call vote. Discussion was had on whether all votes taken should be by roll call or voice vote. State statute does not mandate which method to use. Current practice is to use voice vote unless the agenda item is an Ordinance or Resolution. It was unanimous that this practice should continue. No action was taken.

#### Closed Session

A brief discussion/introduction was had on when a closed session should be held. Diedrich reminded the new trustees that they will learn more once they complete their Open Meetings Act training.

#### Items for next agenda

Acceptance of Mike Blaum's resignation.

Discussion of appointing two new trustees to Sprengelmeyer and Blaum's seats.

#### Announcements

Trustees introduced themselves to the board.

#### Adjournment

Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Diedrich

Library Director