

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS
MEETING OF THE NEW GLARUS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
OF TRUSTEES**

**New Glarus Village Hall – Board Room
319 2nd Street, New Glarus WI 53574**

**January 22, 2025 6:30P.M.
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order: President Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Those present, in addition to Ramirez, were trustees Beth Blahut, Tiffany Kuenzi, Kelly Ruschman, Joanne Landry and Shelly Truttmann; Village Liaison Larry Stuessy; and Library Director Amy Trumble. Also present: Linda Gebhardt and Wyatt Jackson of CFSW (Community Foundation Southern Wisconsin). Linda Gebhardt's husband Rudy Gebhardt was also present.
2. Approval of Agenda: Stuessy moved to approve the agenda with the change of discussing item 5.A. before item 4. Seconded by Landry. Motion carried.
3. Comments & Questions from the Public: None.
5. New Business:
 - A. Discussion and Consideration: CFSW Endowment Presentation: Wyatt Jackson, President/CEO, and Linda Gebhardt, Director Donor Services, discussed tools and services they provide for capital and endowment fundraising efforts.
4. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Discussion and Consideration: Building Project Updates: Trumble continues to work towards acquiring used shelving from the Sun Prairie library. The Library Board is in agreement that we should consult Deb Haefner at SCLS for furniture selection, layout and ordering. CG Schmidt and OPN architects are working to complete pricing document and timelines. Still waiting for final grant agreement from DOA. OPN suggests building without sprinkler systems and with metal stud construction. Initial building design was sent to SCLS for technology department input. Draft of a donor letter is ready for review by the Board.
5. New Business:
 - B. Discussion and Consideration: Shelving updates: Discussed above.
 - C. Discussion and Consideration: February meeting schedule: Trumble will be out of the office for part of February due to medical needs. Kuenzi made a motion to cancel the scheduled meeting on Feb 12th. Seconded by Landry. Motion carried. Kuenzi made a motion to give Ramirez authority to sign the annual report without Board approval and send it on to SCLS and DPI. Seconded by Landry. Motion

carried.

D. Discussion and Consideration: Grant agreement execution:
Discussed above.

6. Bills and Finance Report:

A. Bills were presented and approved as follows:

December 26, 2024: \$3,283.24.

B. Financial statement: Not available at the time of the meeting.

7. Director's Report: See attached.

8. Approval of Minutes:

A. December 26, 2024: Approved as distributed.

January 8, 2025: Approved as distributed.

9. Reports / Discussion / Consideration:

A. Administration: Nothing to report.

· CFSW Financial Report

B. Communication Team: Nothing to report.

C. Grants Team: Blahut will call a meeting soon.

D. Partnership Team: Nothing to report.

E. Village Board Liaison: Stuessy stated that the \$500,000 the Village Board has committed to the building project will be transferred to the Library in early 2026.

F. Friends of the Library: Margie Irland is the new treasurer.

G. President's Report: Ramirez will send an electronic version of the director's evaluation to each trustee.

10. Adjournment: Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.



Director's Report –January 22, 2025

CFSW Grant

The library was awarded a Community Foundation Grant to implement a K-12 independent reading program beginning this year entitled, Gold Medal Books. In 2014, the Community Foundation helped to launch our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. With this new grant, the library will expand its independent reading program to include children through the 12th grade. Students will be challenged to read award winning books such as Caldecott, Newbery, and Prinz award winners as well as honor books across a wide range genres. This program will encourage students to set reading goals and help to establish a lifelong love of reading.

Snowy Owl Information

The library has become known as a source of information about the daily whereabouts of the snowy owl. We have been receiving phone calls to find out where he is (at any given time of day), usually from people standing at the corner of H and 69 trying to find her. The library has embraced the snowy owl fever and has a new book display on the raptor featuring our snowy owl puppet.



Book Sale Donations

Book sale donations increased at the end of 2024 and library staff undertook a major weeding project to get our shelves ready for new 2025 books. This resulted in the Friends first transfer of book sale books to the Zwingli House early this January. We are starting 2025 with clean shelves and a somewhat cleared out storage space. Now that we have created space, we fully expect an influx of donations in the new year😊!



December 2024 Highlights

Program Participation	2024 December Participants	2024 Total
Children's/Teen Events "live"	228	4,071
Adult/General Events "live"	76	2,302
Children's/Teen "self-serve"	55	609
Adults "self-serve"	6	65



STATISTICS		2024 December	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
	Items Borrowed	2,741	36,997	41,812
	% Village of New Glarus	60%	54%	51%
	% Town of New Glarus	17%	21%	20%
	% Town of York	12%	10%	11%
	% Other Green County	7%	8%	7%
	% Dane County	4%	6%	7%
	% Other	1%	1%	4%
	OLL Requests Filled	4	82	70
	OverDrive Borrowed (all formats)	1050	12,026	10,432
	Public WiFi Sessions	3,173	53,415	71,523
	Public Computer Sessions	31	697	667
	Online Tools & Databases	169	894	730
	Website Visits	1,401	18,878	13,564
	Library Visits	1,536	24,191	20,678
	Average visits Per Day	67	81	70
	Patrons Added	8	168	152
	Items Added	227	1,719	2,178
	Items Deleted	592	2,343	3,195

December 2024 Financials

Still awaiting the December financials from the Village Clerk.