

VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS

JOINT MEETING OF THE NEW GLARUS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

New Glarus Village Hall – Community Room

319 2nd Street, New Glarus WI 53574

May 14, 2025 6:30P.M.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: President Daniel Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. Those present in addition to Ramirez were trustees Joanne Landry, Shelly Truttmann, Kelly Ruschman, Beth Blahut and Tiffany Kuenzi; Library Director Amy Trumble.

2. Announcement:

A. The Library Board will convene into closed session called under WI State Statue 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Deliberating promotion)

3. Approval of Agenda: Ruschman made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Kuenzi. Motion carried.

4. Comments & Questions from the Public: None.

5. New Business:

A. Discussion and Consideration: IMLS Funding

Changes in funding will not have much impact on the NGPL.

B. Discussion and Consideration: Student Trustee Application/Bylaw

Truttmann made a motion to approve the 2025 NGPL “Student Trustee Position Description” with one edit to the last sentence under “Time Commitment” to read, “May through May.” Seconded by Landry. Motion carried. Kuenzi made a motion to approve the “Student Trustee Library Board Member Application” with one edit to the term, “the term will run from May to May.” Seconded by Landry. Motion carried. Kuenzi made a motion to edit Article II of the bylaws of the NGPL Board, to read, “There may also be one non-voting high school student trustee member who will be chosen yearly by the Library Board from applications received.” Seconded by Ruschman. Motion carried. The Board would like to fill this position ASAP; students may apply by submitting an application at the library.

C. Discussion and Consideration: Officer Elections

Landry made a motion to open the floor to nominations. Seconded by Ruschman. Motion carried. For the position of President, Daniel Ramirez is nominated, with no further nominations. For the position of Vice President, Tiffany Kuenzi is nominated, with no further nominations. For the position of Treasurer, Shelly Truttmann is nominated, with no further nominations. For the position of Secretary, Beth Blahut is nominated, with no further nominations. Ramirez closed nominations. Ramirez opened elections. For the position of President, Daniel Ramirez was elected. For the position of Vice President, Tiffany Kuenzi was elected. For the position of Treasurer, Shelly Truttmann was elected. For the position of Secretary, Beth Blahut was elected. Ramirez closed elections. Larry Stuessy was elected in April for another term on Village Board and he will continue as liaison to the library.

[Village Liaison Larry Stuessy joined the meeting at 6:51 P.M.]

[Assistant Director Erica Loeffelholtz joined the meeting at 7:02 P.M.]

D. Discussion and Consideration: Donor Letter

The Board discussed final edits of the letter.

E. Discussion and Consideration: Interior finishes

The Board selected these two paint colors: SW 7757, and SW 9585.

They selected wallcovering "Meteor" 6427W.

F. Discussion and Consideration: Building Project Updates

Kuenzi made a motion to approve the cost adjustments listed in the Cost Control Log, except not item J2, and requested pricing on the cultured stone and EIFS exterior treatments for comparison. Seconded by Stuessy. Motion carried.

The board would like to see bids for:

- 2 security cameras (with conduit installed for adding 2 cameras at a later date)

- 4 security cameras

The Board also would like to know optimal locations for both camera scenarios.

Trumble has not heard anything from the Schlecht Family Foundation regarding a grant proposal. Staff approves having only one book drop (on the exterior). Bushes on the north edge of the property will have to be replaced because they are not expected to survive the construction process. The Swiss Design Review Committee approved the building design. Waiting to hear back from Coakley Brothers about moving the shelving from Sun Prairie. Lauren Freeman is pursuing easements on the west side of the property. Monitoring is needed for 1-2 feet on the west side. We will need to hire someone to monitor before excavation. To date, we've spent \$854,632.17 on the building project.

6. The Board will Convene into Closed Session: Kuenzi made a motion to convene into closed session. Seconded by Landry. Motion carried.

7. The Board will Convene into Open Session: Ruschman made a motion to convene into open session. Seconded by Stuessy. Motion carried.

A. Results of Closed Session: Discussion & Consideration: Deliberating Promotion

Ruschman made a motion to approve Library Resolution 25-02 LB, appointment of Youth Services Librarian Julie Hawkins. Seconded by Stuessy. Motion carried.

8. Adjournment: Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:26 P.M.