Markesan Public Library
Board of Trustees
January 16, 2025
Minutes

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:17 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Harlan Barkley. Trustees present: Beth Kazda, Pat Prill, Nancy Kirst, Michael Keller, Joan Slate, Nancy Stellmacher, Mike Hansen, and Director Lucas Almas.

II. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Hansen/Kazdat to approve the minutes of December 19, 2024 with the following correction: Michael Keller (not Wilkins). Motion carried.

III. Input from Public: None

IV. Financial Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented. It was noted that a $1000 memorial for books was received from the Barbara Powers family. Motion was made by Kazda/Hansen to authorize the Director to renew the $10,000 Henslin Memorial C.D. (expiring 1-19-25) at Horicon Bank at the best rate available at the time of renewal. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit. Motion was made by Prill/Slate to approve payment of this month's bills as presented. Motion carried.

V. President's Report: Harlan reported on his time shadowing the happenings at the library last Wednesday. He urged other trustees to also come and observe how the library operates.

VI. Director's Report: Lucas reported on upcoming events at the library – Lego Club, Game Night, Play & Learn, Book Club, and Card Making Class. The Obie will be revealed to the public on the 27th. Our local newspaper will be including an article promoting the Grand Reveal, along with special invitations sent to the public and parochial schools.

VII. Committee Reports: None

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business:

A. 2025 Yearlong Plan – Lucas presented a detailed Year-Long Plan for Facilities and Grounds Maintenance and Updates. The goal is to maintain and enhance the library facilities and grounds to ensure safety, accessibility, and a welcoming environment for all patrons and staff. It was suggested that in addition to a plan relating to our facilities and grounds, we should also develop a plan relating to future library programming for the year.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Hansen/Kazda to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m. Next meeting will be Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 4:15 p.m.

Pat Prill, Secretary