

January Minutes of the Slinger Community Library Board  
Monday, January 13, 2025

The meeting of Slinger Community Library Board of Trustees of the Village of Slinger was called to order by Library Board President Marlyss Thiel at 218 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI at 4:30 pm on January 13, 2025 in accordance with Notice of Meeting delivered to members on January 10, 2025.

**Roll Call and Confirmation of Open Meetings Law:**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Marlyss Thiel	X	
Donna Moldenhauer	X	
David Waterman		X, excused
Jane Hignite	X	
Beth Lighthizer	X	
Katherine Tobey	X	
Kent Voll	X	
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Also present:

Margaret Wilber, Village Administrator; Ken Reiser, Capital Campaign Chairman

**I. Open for Public Comment:** Nothing was shared during public comment.

**II. Old Business**

A. Capital Campaign Update – Ken Reiser

Ken presented an update on the Capital Campaign and stated that the draft floor plan is expected to be completed in late February. He stated the committees are each making progress on their assigned work and there is a lot of enthusiasm in the community for this project. Board members thanked Ken for the information he provided and all the work he is doing to coordinate efforts on this project.

B. Library Director Search Update – President Thiel

President Thiel informed the Board that three applications were received and interviews for each candidate have been scheduled for Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**III. New Business**

A. Review and Action

i. Minutes of December 9, 2024 meeting

Trustee Lighthizer pointed out that the next meeting lists a January 2024 date instead of 2025. Administrator Wilber stated this would be corrected.

Motion by Voll/Moldenhauer to accept minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

ii. December 2024 Financial/Vouchers Report

Motion by Voll/Lighthizer to accept vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

#### **IV. Director's Report**

##### **A. Circulation and Library Use Statistics – December 2024**

**\*Monthly statistics 2023 vs 2024\***

December total circulations, digital (Hoopla & Libby) and physical were 8,013 with physical circulations at 6,226 and digital at 1,787. Physical circulations increased by 204 items from December 2023. Digital circulations increased by 146 items from December 2023. Patron count was 2,138, an increase of 165 from December 2023.

##### **B. Library Program Report – December 2024**

President Thiel read Interim Director Fiste's comments on December programs, which had very strong attendance in every category.

##### **C. Staff Update**

President Thiel informed the Board that Vicky Farr was hired as the newest Circulation Clerk and began this position on January 6<sup>th</sup>. She stated that Vicky is well-known as a former Library Board member and it is great to have her take on this new role with the organization.

##### **D. Consideration of Clerk Hours**

President Thiel explained that Interim Director Fiste is requesting an increase of 3 hours per week for one of the Circulation Clerks. Administrator Wilber stated that the additional wages will be paid from a combination of wage savings from the current vacant position and conservative budget estimates used for the 2025 budget. Board members asked if this change would be permanent or just during the Director transition. Administrator Wilber stated it was her understanding that this would be a permanent change.

Motion by Voll/Lighthizer to approve the increase of the Circulation Clerk's hours as presented. Motion carried.

#### **V. Announcements:**

A. Next Meeting Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 at 4:30pm.

#### **VI. Adjourn Meeting**

Motion by Hignite/Tobey to adjourn meeting at 4:56pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margaret Wilber, Village Administrator