

Berkley Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 26th, 2025

ATTENDING: Paula Dugan, Chairperson; Megan Silva, Trustee; Dean Larabee, Trustee; Carol Buote, Director; Emily Taylor, Secretary.

BILLS: Reviewed and approved.

CALL TO ORDER: Call to order at 7:14 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 7:15 PM.

MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS: Minutes of the July 15th meeting were read into the record. June update was struck from prior minutes. Voted 3-0.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN REPORT: No report currently as the children's librarian position is vacant.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director's report included updates on program attendance for the period between July 16th and August 26th. The book club read "Only if You're Lucky" by Stacy Willingham. The Director updated the trustees that two employees have given their notice, and the positions have been posted. ARIS report was reviewed. E-resource usage was reviewed. It was discussed that there be a cap introduced for the cost of Hoopla per month as the cost continues to increase. Trustee Dean Larabee recommended to Chair Paula Dugan and Director Carol Buote that Hoopla costs be capped at \$675 per month. It was accepted by the Director. The price of DVD and Bluray late fees have decreased to 10 cents per day.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: Friends are looking for Friends.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE: The building committee continues to negotiate for an architect. A decision must be made by October 1st, 2025.

CORRESPONDANCE: Value of Services Provided to Members assessment from SAILS was given.

Adjourned at 8:11 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Emily Taylor, Secretary