

**Myers Memorial Library Board of Trustees**  
**Agenda**  
**January 21, 2025**  
**6:30 pm**

1. Call to order
2. Secretary's report and correspondence
3. Treasurer
  - a. Report
  - b. Motion to pay customary bills
4. Director's report
5. Building and Grounds
6. Unfinished Business
  - Library financing (public vote)

Next meeting:  
March 18th 6:30pm

MYERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Present: Mel Feather, Sue Richards, Iza Nowak, Paul bell, Jason Bussman, Rhonda Haick, Bob  
Piede, Janelle Grey

Absent: Jim Hale, Toni Stone, Roxy Gray

SECRETARY MINUTES (see attached):

The meeting was called to order by Mel Feather at 6:33 p.m. The minutes from the September 2024 meeting were presented to the board. Paul Bell made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Sue Richards seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (see attached):

In a healthy discussion, the board has been transferring money from our investments as a means to pay bills. The boiler and the chimney were unexpected repair projects that needed to be handled in a timely manner. We have borrowed \$42,196 from our investments and capital accounts in order make budget and pay our bills. The discussion was focused on what we have needed to do as well as what we can do to avoid situations such as these in the future. As of this meeting, we have \$4,530 left budgeted for operating expenses, are waiting on a \$3,250.00 check from FCS, and are realizing that the \$500.00 we budgeted from the Lenna Foundation is not

coming. Our projected loss on 2024 is \$10,541.00. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Sue Richards. Janelle Grey seconded. Carried.

Rhonda Haick suggested moving the \$6,650.00 donation we recently received from the sale of a trailer in the area from Marian Scharngal to the Amazon Smile account so we had it on hand and separate in order to use towards programming for children and adults from the capital savings account where we added it to at the last board meeting. The board president will withdraw that exact dollar amount from one of the investments and placed into the Amazon Smile account before December 31, 2024. Jason Bussman made a motion to approve this. Sue Richards seconded. Carried.

The board then turned to looking ahead at the 2025 budget. The cost of equipment is going up, the cost of books has gone up, and the library board is feeling the effects of those prices. We are looking into the possibility of securing a grant, but until one is secured the library has to budget accordingly for replacing 14 computers within the next two years. The proposed 2025 budget has a projected income of \$73,286.00 and proposed expenses of \$113,824.00, forcing the board to approve a budget that is short \$40,538.00 in 2025. A tentative motion to approve this budget was made by Jason Bussman. Seconded by Paul Bell. Carried.

The board has formed a committee to present the 259 vote to the school board on Jan. 9, 2025.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (see attached):

The good news of the night was that despite all monetary issues and breakdowns and repairs to our building, our circulation is up, our attendance is up, our adult and child programs are booming, and more is still to come in December with a craft program and toy workshop. 3,816 pieces (books, movies, magazines, e-books, etc.) were borrowed in September and October.

NEW BUSINESS

We will be participating in this year's Christmas Parade on November 30, 2024. Jim Hale is offering his side-by-side and trailer, and Mel Feather has bought a brand new Myers Memorial Library banner for this community event.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. It will follow our annual association meeting, which will start at 6:00 p.m. on that same day.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason K. Bussman

*Myers Memorial Library*  
**November/December 2024**  
*Director's report*

| 2024         | ADULT      |             |            |          |           | JUVENILE    |             |           |          |            | E-books    | Total       |
|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|
|              | Fiction    | Non Fiction | Movies     | Mag      | Other     | Fiction     | Non Fiction | Movies    | Mag      | Other      |            |             |
| Nov          | 333        | 68          | 65         | 3        | 36        | 702         | 157         | 54        | 0        | 69         | 207        | 1694        |
| Dec          | 349        | 59          | 39         | 1        | 36        | 554         | 91          | 31        | 0        | 38         | 217        | 1415        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>682</b> | <b>127</b>  | <b>104</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>72</b> | <b>1256</b> | <b>248</b>  | <b>85</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>107</b> | <b>424</b> | <b>3109</b> |

Other – audiobooks, puzzles, activity kits

**Circulation**

|             | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | Jun    | July | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov    | Dec    |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|--------|--------|
| <b>2024</b> | 1873   | 1763   | 1967   | 2170   | 1817   | 1879   | 2410 | 2379 | 1784 | 2032 | 1694   | 1415   |
| <b>2023</b> | 2060   | 1821   | 2342   | 1690   | 1806   | 2362   | 2336 | 2263 | 1888 | 1678 | 1745   | 1441   |
| <b>2022</b> | 1521** | 1462** | 2070** | 1626** | 1966** | 1118** | 2257 | 2385 | 1892 | 1794 | 1723   | 1656   |
| <b>2021</b> | 1840   | 2024   | 2157   | 2060   | 2001   | 2388   | 2337 | 2275 | 1944 | 2266 | 1243** | 1269** |
| <b>2020</b> | 2036   | 1977   | 1641   | 173    | 162    | 1011*  | 2008 | 2005 | 1933 | 2172 | 1889   | 1916   |
| <b>2019</b> | 1754   | 1695   | 1804   | 1907   | 1991   | 1455   | 2160 | 2199 | 1575 | 1617 | 1423   | 1500   |
| <b>2018</b> | 1565   | 1372   | 1550   | 1613   | 1458   | 1353   | 1514 | 1852 | 1512 | 1459 | 1375   | 1356   |
| <b>2017</b> | 1085   | 1192   | 1485   | 1282   | 1382   | 1507   | 1750 | 1989 | 1445 | 1252 | 1440   | 1393   |
| <b>2016</b> | 1086   | 1166   | 1289   | 1339   | 1154   | 1054   | 1381 | 1038 | 1149 | 1003 | 922    | 913    |

**Attendance**

|             | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | July | Aug  | Sep | Oct  | Nov   | Dec   |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|
| <b>2024</b> | 818   | 853   | 879   | 1101  | 980   | 942   | 1446 | 1116 | 803 | 1162 | 971   | 762   |
| <b>2023</b> | 916   | 1001  | 1004  | 816   | 943   | 1022  | 1013 | 1164 | 767 | 852  | 909   | 733   |
| <b>2022</b> | 454** | 550** | 760** | 593** | 662** | 505** | 1305 | 1392 | 790 | 976  | 785   | 813   |
| <b>2021</b> | 426   | 519   | 659   | 608   | 591   | 641   | 761  | 1005 | 631 | 793  | 245** | 515** |
| <b>2020</b> | 969   | 933   | 606   | -     | -     | 70*   | 469  | 418  | 477 | 632  | 535   | 531   |
| <b>2019</b> | 877   | 797   | 935   | 967   | 1009  | 985   | 1252 | 1289 | 887 | 910  | 806   | 744   |
| <b>2018</b> | 803   | 854   | 943   | 1043  | 1024  | 902   | 1072 | 969  | 810 | 892  | 703   | 744   |
| <b>2017</b> | 740   | 684   | 820   | 685   | 885   | 1018  | 1117 | 1384 | 834 | 827  | 793   | 802   |
| <b>2016</b> | 618   | 571   | 729   | 668   | 630   | 765   | 733  | 573  | 656 | 681  | 589   | 604   |

\*pick up service, \*\*renovation