

**Ord Township Library
Board Minutes
October 21st, 2025**

Call to Order: President Lu Lansman called the meeting to order at 5:26 p.m. Present were trustees: Jill Lane, Steve Klimek, Deb Hansen, Courtney Welniak and Kristi Hagstrom - Library Director.

Lu referenced that the Open Meetings Act is posted in its entirety in a three-ring binder in the glass cabinet by the fireplace.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Steve to accept the corrected agenda. Seconded by Deb. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of September 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Moved by Deb, seconded by Jill. All ayes, motion carried.

Financial Reports: Combined balance of the General Fund and Petty Cash for September month end stands at \$13,059.23. Acceptance of the financial report was moved by Jill and seconded by Deb. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Comments from the Public – None

Old Business

The Backyard – Kristi gave an update on the backyard. Still waiting on some late ordered items from the Scott Grant and to finish up the pergola and fence. The board toured the backyard after the meeting.

Book Sale – Another successful book sale year. We raised a little over \$2,000 at this point and the books will remain on sale throughout the month of October.

Radically Rural Conference – Kristi participated in a key note panel at a conference in Keene, New Hampshire regarding the state of rural libraries in our country. The questions were sent prior to the conference so panelists could prepare responses. Public speaking is not her forte but overall, it was a wonderful experience.

New Business

Library Accreditation – After submitting the Community Needs Response Plan and the accreditation application to the Nebraska Library Commission, we quickly received word that we have been reaccredited at the silver level for the next five years.

Make Christmas Happen – The board will gather this coming Wednesday to divide up responsibility in delivering flyers, registration forms, donation cans and donation buckets throughout the county. The Giving Tree will be up the first week of November.

Outside Maintenance Contracts – At this time, we have not received any bids for the outside maintenance. We will continue this discussion at the November meeting.

Upcoming Events – We will host our Mocktails and Masterpieces class before Halloween, a no-sew holiday wreath project with Get Stitchy and Bread Making with Nebraska Extension in November. Mr. C, Tresia and Kristi will hand out candy on the square for Halloween. All programs will be on hold for December so the basement can be used for Make Christmas Happen.

Donor Recognition Wall – Jill's father kindly made extra wooden pieces that hold the book plates for the donor wall by the front door a few years ago. After this next round of donors go up on the wall, our stock pile will be depleted. Jill volunteered her father again to make more pieces. Kristi will get examples for Jill.

Director's Report – Kristi presented the monthly director's report, and it will remain on file with the minutes of the meeting.

Statistical Report – The monthly statistical report was presented.

Approval of Bills – Jill moved, and Courtney seconded the motion to approve bills for October. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment: Courtney moved to adjourn at 6:05 pm. Steve seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deb Hansen, Secretary