Minutes from the October 27, 2026 meeting of the Hildebrand Memorial Library of Boscobel Board of Trustees

The Hildebrand Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at the Hildebrand Memorial Library. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by board president, John Larsen. Present were trustees: Penny Bohringer, Krista Sierzant, and Teresa Bohn. Also present was library director, Janelle Miller. Absent were Nicole Mullikin, Tom Pelz, and Roger Brown.

Teresa Bohn moved to accept the meeting posting and agenda of the October 27 meeting, seconded by Penny Bohringer. Motion passed.

Teresa Bohn moved to accept the minutes from the September 28, 2026 meeting, seconded by Penny Bohringer. Motion carried.

Janelle Miller reviewed the September 2026 budget statement. A motion was made by Teresa Bohn, seconded by Krista Sierzant, to accept the September 2026 budget statement. Motion passed.

Bills for October 2026 were presented by Janelle. A motion was made by Penny Bohringer, seconded by Teresa Bohn, to pay the October 2026 bills. Motion passed.

Janelle Miller presented the monthly library director report. She talked about her great experience at the WLA conference, a SWLS collection development committee visit to see how we do collections here, and fall storytime. The Halloween Walk with Adrian Lee is this weekend (Fri & Sat), and an author talk with him is scheduled for Nov. 12. Friends Group will be hosting a paint night with Gina George on Nov. 14 4-6 PM. A donation was made to purchase books with dyslexic-friendly font. Grant county social services & United Way of Dane County are partnering through the Techquity Program to donate up to 40 free laptops to qualifying families. This Friday they will be distributed to those who apply & qualify.

New Business:

1. Internet Issues (informational)- internet service since last Friday has been very inconsistent. We get subsidized internet through TEACH, which is a larger organization with many parties. Equipment has been replaced, but internet is still going down periodically. Janelle has been in contact with Prairie Lakes and technicians to try to remedy the issues.

2. 2027 Projected City Funds (informational)- We are proposing for staff to get a 5% raise, comparable to other city employees.

3. Building Maintenance Issues (informational)-The city is receiving bids to get someone to tear the chimney down. The city fixed some cracks in the concrete outside the library.

Unfinished Business:

1. Website Accessibility- (informational) Our website is now accessible. Soon everything that will be posted on the website will also be accessible, including agendas & minutes.

2. Halloween Walk- hosted by the library at 6:30 pm. this Friday night & Saturday night (Oct. 30 & 31). Lots of information about Boscobel's history. Friday night is almost sold out.

The next meeting has been set for Monday, November 23, 2026 at 6:00pm.
A motion was made by Krista Sierzant to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Teresa Bohn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

Submitted by secretary Krista Sierzant.