BENZIE SHORES DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 9:02AM by Jennie Schmitt at the BSDL.

Present: Trustees, Jim Larsen, Bree McGregor, Ginny Freeman, Laura Reznich, and Jennie Schmitt; Stacy Pasche, Library Director; Jandy Sprouse, member of the public considering being on the BSDL board representing Lake Township (not yet appointed).
Absent: Trustee, Brian Johnson
Approval of Agenda: Motion by Jim Larsen/Laura Reznich/ to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, unanimous.
Public Input: We welcomed Jandy Sprouse and learned a bit about her background and community activities.
Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bree McGregor/Jim Larsen to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026, board meeting. Motion carried, unanimous.
Treasurer's Report: Laura Reznich has worked with our accountant Emily to simplify and clarify the monthly reports for the board. We will now receive a balance sheet, a monthly profit & loss sheet (including a column comparing the previous year's figures) and a year-to-date profit & loss v. budget sheet (with a column showing % of budget). There will also be a list of monthly disbursements to be approved separately. Laura went through the new format focusing on the restricted fund accounts which had been confusing in the past, showing where expenses will show up on the P&L sheet when we use those restricted funds. **Motion** by Ginny Freeman/Bree McGregor to approve the January treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried, unanimous.
Needed adjustments to the budget will be taken care of at the March meeting.

Approval of Monthly Bills: Motion by Jim Larsen/Laura Reznich to authorize the January disbursements as listed and attached to the minutes. Motion carried, unanimous.

Library Director's Report: Stacy Pasche reported on January. See attached report.

Mission Moment - none

Committee Reports

1. Finance - Laura will review the Fund Balance Policies (approved February 2024) to see if changes need to be made. There was an explanation of the Holtrey Endowment for Jandy's benefit.
2. Building & Grounds - see Director's report.
3. Policies - committee needs to meet
4. Personnel - committee needs to meet

Strategic Plan: We will review the latest draft (received at today's meeting) and consider its approval at the March board meeting.
Old Business: Door replacement update - We are on Northern MI Glass's schedule, so it will happen eventually.
New Business: Smoke Alarm Replacement - Following a recent incident when the smoke alarms went off for no apparent reason, Stacy put up battery operated alarms. Then she talked to Fortress Security about installing a new system which will notify the library director if the alarms go off. **Motion** by Jim Larsen/Bree McGregor to approve Fortress Security's quote of $1,492.26 for installation of a new smoke alarm system + $35.99/monthly service fee. Motion carried, unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Freeman, Secretary