

## **BROOKFIELD BOARD OF TRUSTEES LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES**

June 17, 2026

Present and Voting: Amy Borgman, Dan Childs, Susan O'Brien, Starr Strong

Present and Not Voting: Laura Rochat (Librarian)

Not Present: Emily Noyes

### ***Minutes were approved***

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan reminds us that we are nearing the end of our fiscal year and we are in good financial shape with our expenditures slightly higher than our budget amount, as planned.

**Librarian's Report:** The number of library patrons continues to rise as the summer season progresses. Most of the circulation is from newer library acquisitions and inter-library loans.

John Ornelas, a local resident, stopped by the library to share that he had self-published a children's book. He would like to do a reading of this to children, possibly as part of another library event. He declined to donate a copy of the book or to have Laura read it beforehand. We have referred him to the Parent-Child Center for further opportunities.

**Old Business:** Barb Schaedler and Amy Borgman completed the landscaping around the library and the patio. This included planting of perennials and annuals and generally sprucing up the area.

The winner of the Brookfield Library Scholarship this year is Kai Pratt. Best of luck in your higher education journey!

Susan followed up on the possibility of the BFPL showing the movie, "The Librarians". The cost would be \$500, possibly mitigated by a grant to offset that cost. Alas, no more grants are available for this year. We have reshelved this idea for now. (Pun acknowledged).

Revisiting the idea of highlighting classic children's books at our Library, the members of the Board are assigned the task of selecting possible books for this. Remember your favorites? Please write them down and bring them in at the next meeting.

Robert Nelson, Orange County Forester, will be at the Old Town Hall on June 25 at 6:30pm to present a program about forestry practices in Germany and possible takeaways for his work in Brookfield and Orange County.

**New Business:** Amy will be sending a copy of the by-laws electronically for Board members to read, evaluate, and possibly amend. We can review this at our next meeting.

Ditto for the Librarian evaluation. The form will be sent to board members and we will set a date for a Zoom meeting.

Susan and Laura will collaborate on adding new material to our Facebook page, such as new additions to the Library collection.

**NEXT MEETING:** August 19, 2026 @ 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted: Amy S Borgman