

Boswell Public Library Board Meeting

March 17, 2026 - MINUTES

5:30 pm

Attendees: George Doeden, Teresa Clawson, Vicki Goodwine, Deb Orr, Deb Shepperd, Bethany Abbott, Anne Harmon, Marie Brown

Absent:

1. Call to Order
2. Public Forum. No one came.
3. Approval of Minutes **Motion: Deb O., Second, Anne. Approved.**
4. Approval of Vouchers & Treasurer's Report **Motion: Vicki, Second, Deb O. Approved.**
5. Director's Report
 - a. Statistics for February
 - i. Hoopla and Libby continue to increase in usage.
 - ii. Build a Reading Buddy had 18 people come and stuff a bear.
 - iii. Physical item circulation continues to go down, 539, 2025 vs 343, 2026.
 - b. Training: Big Talk From Small Libraries (Hello School! Your Friendly Neighborhood Public Library Here)
 - c. Professional Meetings: Area Director Meeting, Benton County Chamber of Commerce
 - d. President sign off on Marie's Work Hours
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Refurbish meeting room, quotes
 - i. Haley's Construction, \$14,242. Marie will contact Haley's to get more specific information on cabinets in the kitchenette (replace doors or refinish to match the new cabinets being installed) and possibly filling the hole in the back room by the water heater. Paint color for walls, an eggshell white. The board agreed Haley's seemed to be the best choice.
 - ii. Norton Construction, \$28,060
 - iii. Blue Line Construction, \$34,300
 - b. Patron Policy, add "Evergreen Indiana library card", 1st reading. On the third bullet point, should read "blue Evergreen Indiana library card" **Motion: Bethany, Second, Teresa. Approved.**
7. New Business
 - a. Merge libraries with Oxford and Otterbein, new laws. Anticipated pros and cons were discussed. Marie will gather more information from libraries who have merged.
 - b. Cintas, provide cleaning supplies and clean rugs for entrances. Board felt this was too expensive, not needed.
 - c. PLAC Report for the State Library, signed by President and Director
8. Review: Code of Conduct, Appeal of Suspension, p 8
9. FYI: Legal Memo Regarding SEA 119, Youth Program Centers & SEA 119, Sex Offenders in a Library during Youth Programs
10. Adjournment **Motion: Bethany, Second, Teresa. Approved.**

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 5:30 pm