

**Southwest La Plata Library District  
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2025  
1305 Escalante Drive, Suite 200  
Durango, CO 81301**

- 1. Call to order:** In attendance were Rebecca Benally, Amanda McKown, Sharon Orr, Janelle Blake, Chris Yeargin, Roy Horvath
- 2. Approve Agenda**  
Motion made to approve made by Janelle, second by Chris; unanimous approval.
- 3. Consent Agenda**
  - A. Minutes (September 15, 2025)- Motion made by Chris, second by Janelle; unanimous approval.
  - B. Financial Report- Motion made by Janelle, second by Chris; unanimous approval
- 4. Public Comment**-none
- 5. Update from Friends of the Library**
  - Take What You Want Day (3)-some appliances and books gone and cleanout of basement refuse and items not needed.
  - Cindy has instituted a process by which books will be sorted into boxes bound for the prison, reservations, and Little Libraries in the area.
  - Collectable books will be given to different stores to be sold.
  - Would like to work with Durango School District to procure grants annually.
  - Another Free Little Library will be added to the FLM area and will be registered as such.
  - Updating brochure and Logo merchandise.
  - Next date for cleanup will be in January.
- 6. Previous Business**
  - A. Durango School District  
There has been no answer from the letter sent regarding the offer to buy property adjacent to the Kline Property.
  - A. Holiday Celebration
    - Décor has been bought and gathering food prices.
  - B. Staffing Update
    - Branch Manager is no longer employed; Cindy and Andrew will take on more responsibility. Part time staff will work some extra hours.
  - C. Other
    - Trina Lindig will give a presentation at FLM library about growing up at Mesa Verde on November 15 at 1 PM.
- 7. Director Update**
  - Branch statistics- September FLM hosted 898 patrons and circulated 803 items; 27 activities were enjoyed by 447 people. Ten new cardholders were welcomed-6

juveniles and 4 adult, a new school staff member and a new student. SWLPLD internet was accessed 214 times by 27 different users.

- September-Sunnyside hosted 1104 patrons and circulated 672 items; 31 activities were enjoyed by 391 people. Nine new cardholders-5 adults, 1 juvenile, and 3 new students. SWLPLD's internet was accessed 371 times by 48 different users.
- 65 unique titles were accessed via Hoopla.
- SWLPLD has gratefully received Grants from SIPA, DEF, Ballentine, CLEL, and CSL for technology upgrades, furnishings, STEAM supplies, literacy programs, early literacy supplies, and circulation materials.

## **8. Strategic Planning Committee update/Kline Property**

### **A. Septic**

- It has failed and an engineered system will be procured in the future via grant, if possible.

### **B. Electric**

- An estimate of \$2500 to fix minor problems has been received

### **C. Water**

- The well is non-potable and is only suitable for toilets and sinks. Potable water dispensers will be used for drinking.

### **D. Propane heaters- will be dismantled after November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## **9. Management Committee Update**

### **A. Procurement Policy**

- A change will be made to section IV regarding budget and financing.

## **10. Finance Committee Update**

### **A. Budget Discussion**

- The 2026 budget is balanced given the loss in revenue from the county but some activities and/or events will not occur.
- A motion to move \$100,000 from SW Bank to Colorado Trust made by Roy, second by Amanda; unanimous approval.

## **11. Other items**

## **12. Adjourn: 6:23 PM**