

COBALT PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
June 23, 2025

- **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Mary Church at 6:00 PM

Attendees: Mary Church, Gary Hughes Cathy Lafoy, Marilyn Lubbock, Suzanne Othmer, :
Tamara Fishley, Bonnie Mederak

Regrets

Members of the Public: None

- **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:** None

- **Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda**

Motion #2025-12

Be it resolved that the Cobalt Public Library approve the Meeting Agenda of June 23, 2025 as presented.

Moved by: Gary Hughes Seconded by: Tamara Fishley

VOTE: Carried

- **Approval of Previous Cobalt Public Library Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion #2025-13

Be it resolved that the Cobalt Public Library Board approves the minutes regular meeting April 26, 2025 as presented.

Moved by: Marylyn Lubbock

Seconded by: Cathy Lafoy

VOTE: Carried

- **New Business**

- 1. Treasurer Report**

- An update was discussed.

- 2. CEO REPORT FOR MAY 2025**

- Contacted Eastlink for another Eero box to see if that would help with the security cameras outside and ended up getting another one free of charge, free long distance as well as a \$50 a month saving.
 - We received \$1400 from Plant Youth for Tabletop Role playing games and Card related game. The purchase of Dungeon and Dragons, Magical Kitties and Humblewood have been made, and character building has started. We have also purchased Pokémon's card for games that we start on May 31.
 - We also received \$1500 from Legacy Grant to upgrade the patron computers and video games. The computer upgrades have been completed we now have 4 patron computers as we converted the 2 old office PCs to the patrons stations.
 - I have not heard back for the Frogs Breath Grant yet. Update we did not receive the Grant this time around.
 - Historical Society will be working with us in June to help us preserve or historical/archive section of the library.
 - Latchford is working on the contract and funding to join us they are just waiting to hear back with information from Coleman
 - Homework Buddy for Tuesdays is working out well. Ken has a group come in work on different projects.
 - We have made the Lego Club to open to all ages and cut it down to once a month. This way we can try new things to see if we can get others in.
 - Tech help- we have only had a few people in for this expertise, but we do have more coming in for the use of computers.

- We have craft days, board game days and electronic game days. We are looking into trivia night social, book clubs. We have offered a couple of book clubs with no response.
- We are still working on making sure all the books are Cataloged properly for reporting. The Children's section is completed and rearranging this section is almost done.
- We are still waiting for the town to come in and put the covers for the lighting up and to see if they know where the other covers are. I phoned the Town again on May 28 still no ETA.
- Still waiting on confirmation of the letter to CRA requesting Tamara's and my name to be added to the account. I will be working with Tamara to get this rectified this month time permitting.
- The Seed Library is open an advertised
- We have had St Pat's ask us to host an event on June 18, it will be an Art display for Grades 5 & 6.
- In April 2025 we had 306 and in May 2025, we had 227 visits to the library.

3. 2025 Budget Update

We received \$5000 from the Town of Cobalt.

4. Invoice for the 2024 Audit

Reviewed the bill and confirmed it will be paid this week. We request that we be added to the next Town Council Agenda so that this Audit can be discussed.

Motion #2025-14

Be it resolved that the Cobalt Public Library Board approved the payment for the 2024 Audit.

Moved by: Mary Church
VOTE: Carried

Seconded by: Tamara Fishley

5. Speaker Renewal

Motion #2025-15

Be it resolved that the Cobalt Public Library Board decided not to renew the Speaker at this time.

Moved by: Mary Church

Seconded by: Tamara Fishley

VOTE: Carried

6. Reserve Funds

We do not have any reserve funds as the town council has stated and request that we be added to the Town Council Agenda to discuss where these funds are located. We show an approximate cost of \$32,000.00 just for utilities and payroll for the remainder of 2025. We have a balance \$3,700.00 of grant money left to make specific purchases.

7. Closed Session

Closed Session began at 6:22 P.M

Draft Motion #2025-16

Be it Resolved that the library board convene in Closed Session pursuant to Section 16.1 (4) of the Public Library Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.p.44 as amended.

- 4b: Personal matter about an identifiable individual

The Board moved out of closed session at 6:38 P.M.

8. Business Arising from Closed Session

CEO and Chair of the Board have been given directions.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of the Cobalt Public Library Board be adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: August 25, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.