

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Argenta-Oreana Public January 27, 2025, at Oreana Library  
Board of Trustees**

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM by President John White. Library Board members present were Jackie Goeppinger, Trudy Smith, Linda Albert, Matt Honnold and Barbara Light. Also, in attendance were Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

Correspondence, communications, and public comments – None

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December meeting. Matt moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trudy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the November bills. Linda asked about check #12027 to Lenovo. Donna explained that this is the brand of the new computers purchased for the library. Matt asked about a check to Network Solutions. Donna said that this was a computer company. They replaced Lazerware Computers as the computer set up and repair company for AOPLD. The board reviewed the November Financial and Treasurer's reports. Linda moved to approve the November bills, financial and Treasurer's reports as presented. Jackie seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The board reviewed the December bills. Donna pointed out that check number 12063 to Etherton Enterprises was for the parking lot (less \$3,000 withheld until they finish grass seed in the spring). Matt requested that the December financials and Treasurer's reports be tabled until the next meeting since not all the information was available as of this date. Matt moved to approve the bills as presented. Trudy seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Donna presented the Director's Report. Donna reviewed the circulation numbers for December. The circulation numbers are down overall by about 9%. AOPLD received a \$1,000.00 donation from John and Dorothy White. The new shelving for Argenta was delivered in December. There was some damage and there were some missing parts. They were corrected and the shelves were installed January 22. There were several maintenance and computer hardware items at both buildings. These are being addressed. The new computers and laptops have arrived. Donna and Alexa are working on getting them set up. Donna would like to replace a broken light in the children's room with a contemporary style of LED light. The children's, young adults and adult programs continue to be well attended. There was a Puzzle Competition attended by seventeen adults and three young adults. On December 20, Donna held a Staff Day for all staff members. Several topics were discussed. Donna attended several meetings.

**Old Business –**

There were two items of Old Business.

1. Update on Trust Funds/Gerber Bank – Donna reports that the transition to the new Heart of IL (new trust fund manager) is in process and may take as long as a year to complete. Until the transition is complete, the distribution of funds will stay as it is.

**New Business -**

There was one item of new business.

1. Review of Closed Minutes – Barbara stated that she had reviewed the closed minutes for the past year. All closed meetings held by AOPLD were covered by Open Meetings Act Exception 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) Personnel and should remain closed.

**Miscellaneous**

1. Discussion about damage to the sign in front of the library after a car drove through the front yard.
2. Update on the Solar Project – will commence when the weather allows.

John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trudy moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. John adjourned the meeting at 5:43 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 4:30 PM in Oreana.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Light