

**Kindred Public Library**  
330 Elm Street, Kindred, ND 58051  
Joint Trustees & Friends Annual Budget Meeting  
Monday, January 12, 2026

In attendance: Bethany Johnson, Cindy Reihe, Barb Rude, Nikki Weber, Lisa Anderson, Georgia Berg, Jen Guzik, Linda Otterson, Gail Rogne (via phone), Irene Starck, Cindy Erickson

Old/New Business:

- Year-end 2025 Committee Reports:
  - Community Connections (Linda, Georgia) – see attached.
  - Signage (Nikki, Bethany) – Checked on outdoor LED sign; bid was \$23,000. Discussed dissolving committee versus revamping current sign with different lettering and lighting.
  - Beyond Books (Jen, Lisa, Barb) – Created two bins of related books/activities for checkout. Have ideas for four additional bins.
  - Motion by Nikki and second by Bethany to dissolve current Signage Committee and to establish a new Programming Outreach Committee. The Outreach Committee would research, develop and encourage volunteers for new ideas and new projects. Motion carried.
  
- 2026 Committee memberships for Library Strategic Plan:
  - Community Connections – Linda, Georgia, Cindy R
  - Beyond Books – Jen, Barb, Bethany
  - Programming Outreach – Lisa, Nikki, Gail
  
- Review of 2025 Year End Financial Reports:
  - Support for Windows 10 ended in October 2025. Two new patron computers with Windows 11 and Office Suite for the front desk were purchased. There was an unexpected premium increase in Library building insurance. Donation wall near the Kindred School Theater and the community mural on the former CCEC building were unexpected expenses for Friends in 2025. Actual total expenses for 2025 were \$12,794. 2026 community event include Magic School Bus in Outer Space on March 31. A motion by Nikki and second by Cindy to approve a \$1000 donation to Kindred Area Arts Partnership; motion carried.
  
- Review of 2026 Operating Budget:
  - Discussion of each expense category was held. Maintenance - Nikki will check with “My Friend Kenny” carpet cleaning in Library due to water damage from old water heater leakage. Rent – Florence Hawk Salon will be moving to a new location this spring; a motion was made by Cindy and second by Barb that KPLibrary will pay \$200/month for rent; money could be used for expenses; motion carried. A motion was made by Barb and second by Nikki to approve the 2026 operating budget of \$16,250; motion carried; Trustees will approve at their February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Georgia Berg  
Friends of the Kindred Public Library