

Braille Library and Transcribing Services Inc.
6501 Watts Rd., Ste. 149, Madison, WI 53719

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2025

1. Vice President Melody Moore called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. Members present: Dorothy Brar, Lori Hanson, Constance Risjord and Joan Sholdt. Absent: Sandra Adams, Patricia Herrling, Sue Nelson and Karen Prezentka. Staff in attendance: Aaron Konkol and Sue Danz.
2. The Board meeting minutes of July 10, 2025 were approved.
3. Treasurer's report: Lori reported that as of August 1, 2025 totals were: Checking account: \$17,064.81, Money Market: \$12,555.24, Mutual Funds: \$103,552.20, Total: \$133,172.25.
4. Office Manager's Report: Aaron attended the Wisconsin Nonprofit Summit, put on by the Helen Bader Institute on July 23rd and 24th in Brookfield, WI. He said it was an awesome meeting and he learned so much. The key-note speaker, Diane Yentel, President & CEO of the National Council of Nonprofits who filed the lawsuit suing the Trump administration for stopping the federal funding that was supposed to be going to non-profits (and all federal funding), and she won.

Aaron made lots of useful connections that should lead to future fundraising help and general community support.

Corel Draw software was purchased along with an embosser. Melody has been learning it for making nemeth graph tactiles for the Sheboygan school district. It is going better than the Tiger software.

Cindi Laurent offered us 2 embossers that she no longer needed. We accepted. Thank you Joan for bringing them into the office.

5. Braille Coordinators Report: Sue reported that we have completed almost all of Barbara's books for her library. She will have more in the near future. We were able to get some books completed for our library. Compared to last year we were up in June for pages completed, and about the same for July.
6. Committee Reports:
Education: Several people have inquired about our next class.
Braille Conversations is now once a month for 90 minutes. The classes for the Formats book will be completed next week.

Fund Raising: The Evjue Foundation, the charitable arm of the Cap Times is opening up again. Aaron will apply. He hasn't heard anything lately from the Jack DeLoss fund. There should be 2 more checks coming.

Aaron will be sending out the member and community letters next week.

Library: Patricia is finishing up with weeding the books and will have them for sale in the fall.

Newsletter/Dear Pearl: The newsletter will go out about the middle of September. Have articles to Sue Danz by the end of August if possible. Articles will include the presidents report, braille class, Aaron will submit an article on the non-profit conference, Melody will write an article on the corel draw/new embosser, memoriam for Betty Stoffel.

7. Old Business: Put the meeting minutes on our website.
8. New Business: Find out when ABLE's remodeling will be done and select a date to visit. Anyone wanting to go should contact Patricia.
9. The next meeting of the BLTS Board is still to be determined. It will be combined with the Fall Luncheon. Aaron will send out a Doodle for all to vote on a date.
10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Submitted by: Sue Danz for Karen Prezentka who was absent.