

DRAFT 2-23-2026 Leelanau Township Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Present: Mark Morton, Rick Gans, Dale Lersch, Amanda Kruk, Jamie Scripps

Absent: Mary Robertson

Staff Present: Julie Alpers-Preneta, director

Friends and Public Present: Patty Noftz, via Zoom

- I. Mark called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
- II. Rick moved to approve the 1-26-2026 meeting minutes, Dale seconded. Unanimous approval.
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Director's Report
 - A. Good January, albeit quiet. Annual weeding project has begun. Great Decisions well attended. Mahjong group numbers appear in this report. The library has a new middle school volunteer reshelving.
- V. Financial Report
 - A. Two more months left. Legal fee went over, needs adjusting. Number at bottom of annual budget is a negative- Julie asked if that was okay? Rick clarified that there is a surplus and that number is fine.
 - B. Rick moved to increase line 801.2 by \$300, Amanda seconded. Unanimous approval
 - C. Rick moved to accept the Financial Report, Dale seconded. Unanimous approval
- VI. Old Business
 - A. The budget looks good for the budget hearing in March.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Review 12-mo Strategic Plan: updated dates, updated project statuses: almost all projects have moved from "Not Yet Started" to "In Progress," some have been completed, e.g. Hire a full time employee and start a Spanish Story Time are now completed. Board members remarked that it was nice to get a look at all that has been done in one year and all that is in progress.
 - B. LTCF Funds: Rick and FOLTL President Silvia Gans recently met with LTCF Executive Director Beth Stowe. An informational letter was sent to Julie by Beth regarding status & availability of designated Library funds held by the LTCF.
 1. The three funds:
 - a) Leelanau Township Library Endowment Fund
 - b) Leelanau Township Library Advised Fund (non-endowed)
 - c) Leelanau Township Library Grace Cochran Special Use Fund (non-endowed)
 2. Rick, Silvia, and Beth came up with a proposal for a new endowed fund for building related expenses, the language of which was discussed and Rick will come up with wording that reflects that discussion and share with Beth. Beth will bring the proposal to the next LTCF Board of Trustees meeting. If approved, the Library board will then vote on the proposal in March. The dissolution of the Advised Fund and transfer of funds into a potential new building endowment was discussed.
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Rick moved that the board go into closed session to discuss facilities related items at 7:40pm, Dale seconded. Unanimous approval.
- X. Rick moved that the board return to open session at 7:52pm, Amanda seconded. Unanimous approval.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned by Mark at 7:52pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 16 at 7pm

Notes recorded and respectively submitted by Amanda Kruk, secretary