<u>9-15-2025 Leelanau Township Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes</u>
Present: Mark Morton, Mary Robertson, Rick Gans, Amanda Kruk, Jamie Scripps
Absent: Dale Lersch
Staff Present: Julie Alpers-Preneta, director
Friends and Public Present: Anne Harper

I. Mark called the meeting to order at 7:08pm
II. Approval of minutes. Rick moved to approve the minutes of the 8-18-25 meeting, Mary seconded. Unanimous approval.
III. Public Comment
    A. Anne Harper would like the ivy growing on the side of the building to be addressed. She suggested we call Ian Dawkins and Barb Conley about this.
IV. Director's Report
    A. Great August! Erin started full time employment last week. Upcoming events were discussed.
V. Financial Report
    A. Julie missed Marilyn's recent visit and therefore the line 747 Programming still appears in the negative on the report, but the funds are available and will be moved to fix this.
    B. Mark began discussion about Income line 402 Property Tax Capture, YTD remaining, how brownfield development deductions work.
    C. Rick moved to accept the financial report, Mark seconded. Unanimous approval.
VI. Old Business
    A. At this time, Julie passed around a letter addressed to the Board from donors thanking the library for being a lovely morning activity for their grandchildren.
VII. New Business
    A. Review of bylaws.
        1. Julie prompted discussion regarding the current language about public comment time limits, whether 5 minutes or 3 minutes should be the possible cap.
        2. Jamie raised the question of if "registered agent" language is correct, noted principal office being listed redundant due to it being listed under Article I: Offices.
            a) Rick moved to delete Article III, Section 5 from the bylaws. Mary seconded. Unanimous approval.
        3. Jamie began indemnification discussion and asked if we have directors and officers' insurance? The board would like to find out.
        4. Amanda noticed a discrepancy in references to the board within the bylaws.
            a) Rick moved that all references to "Board of Directors" be changed to "Board of Trustees." Mary seconded. Unanimous approval.
VIII. Public Comment
    A. Anne Harper advised that public comment be limited to 3 minutes now rather than waiting for the 5 minute limit to become a problem.

B. Anne also suggested that the Board and Library be more proactive in communicating to the public, even if details cannot yet be made public. She offered to brainstorm with the board on appropriate ways to do this and encouraged reaching out to NPS Superintendent Neil Wetherbee to possibly piggyback on his community outreach letters. She counseled that having info on the library website is not enough to really get the message out to the community.

IX. Mary moved the board into closed session to discuss real estate matters at 7:38pm, Rick seconded. Unanimous approval.

X. Rick moved the board back into public session at 7:55pm, Amanda seconded. Unanimous approval.

XI. Adjournment. Rick moved to adjourn at 7:56pm

Next Meeting October 20, 2025 at 7pm
Minutes recorded and respectively submitted by Amanda Kruk, secretary