

DRAFT 6-15-2026 Leelanau Township Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Present: Amanda Kruk, Mary Robertson, Rick Gans, Mark Morton, Jamie Scripps

Absent: Dale Lersch

Staff Present: Julie Alpers-Preneta, director

Friends and Public Present: Patty Noftz, via Zoom

- I. Mark called the meeting to order at 7:07pm
- II. Rick moved to approve the 1-26-2026 meeting minutes, Mary seconded. Unanimous approval.
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Director's Report
  - A. Numbers are down from last year but comparable to 2 years ago, Mark confirmed similar trends at the Leland library. Poor weather, high gas prices suspected potential factors.
  - B. Julie noted that other libraries are closed on July 3, Rick affirmed that it is our policy for Julie to make the decision on whether or not to close.
- V. Financial Report
  - A. We are in the 2nd month of FY.
  - B. Line 717.2 is negative by \$5 and needs adjusting.
  - C. Tax capture is complete.
  - D. Rick moved to accept the financial report, Amanda seconded. unanimous approval.
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
  - A. Julie provided the Annual Report for review & discussion.
  - B. Discussion about library gardens: Board praised the beautiful flowers. Funds were taken this year out of the FOLTL annual allotment for use at director's discretion for the first time as Township did not cover the cost as they have in the past. Going forward master gardener Chris Newell may seek funding elsewhere.
  - C. Julie is still hiring for a year-round part-time position, will update the listing and board offered to help publicize the opening.
  - D. Mark & Julie will represent the libraries at the Senior Expo in the morning shift.
  - E. Marie-Elena's tote bag project: leftover fabric, volunteer sewists. Fundraiser for library.
- VIII. Public Comment
  - A. Patty Noftz asked if the annual report could include highlights from every month, Julie said yes and the missing months were due to space-saving but agreed that showing that the library is active year-round is a good idea. Patty also suggested that Julie consider donated books as swag at the Senior Expo and to advertise Summer Writers Series with bookmarks. Mark confirmed that there will be lots of brochures for programs/events, Julie added that she has made ½ sheets for Summer Writers Series fliers.
- IX. Rick moved the board to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters at 7:29pm , Mary seconded. Roll call unanimous approval.
- X. Rick moved the board back into public session at 7:51pm, Mary seconded.
- XI. Rick moved to adjourn at 7:51pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 20 at 7pm

Notes recorded and respectively submitted by Amanda Kruk, secretary