

Leelanau Township Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes 5-19-25

Present: Mark Morton, Amanda Kruk, Rick Gans, Mary Robertson, Jamie Scripps, Dale Lersch (via Zoom)

Absent: none

Staff present: Julie Alpers-Preneta, director

Public and Friends present: Patty Noftz, via Zoom

- I. Mark called the meeting to order at 7:03
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Rick moved to approve the April 21 minutes, Mary seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - B. Rick moved to approve the March 17 budget hearing minutes. Jamie seconded. Unanimous approval.
- III. Director's Report
 - A. We are in a new fiscal year.
 - B. Of recent library events, the LIFT event had the biggest attendance.
 - C. Leelanau Reads discussion had 55 people come out, the board discussed that this event was lighter attended than expected though the program quality was excellent and author Nita Prose was delightful.
 - D. FOLTL Suzanne Landes Strawberry Brunch 6-28; FOLTL Annual Meeting 6-14
 - E. Getting ready for summer! "Color Your World" theme for Youth Programming, Miriam Pico, Great Lakes Childrens' Museum, Jen Strauss, Drummunity, ROV demos, Shipwreck presentation, and more are planned.
- IV. Financial Report
 - A. April was the first month of the new FY. Marilyn has added the previously discussed line 402.1 Deferred Tax Capture, though not showing up as money has not yet come into it.
 - B. Rick requested the previous year-end Budget Performance sheet so that the board could see how well Julie has managed the budget on a year basis and how well the library is doing at generating surpluses. FY '24-'25 ended with just under \$50,000 in surplus.
 - C. Mary moved to approve the financial report, Rick seconded. Unanimous approval.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Michigan Earned Sick Time Act
 1. Jamie presented her research and understanding of both MI ESTA and our current policies; the board discussed how to successfully implement changes to comply with law and benefit library employees. Jamie will draft a revised PTO policy for the board's review. Further discussion set for our next meeting.
 - B. Director Evaluation was deferred to the closed session meeting.
- VI. New Business
 - A. MLA Advocacy Day. Mark reported on his experience raising awareness and concerns of library issues to Representative Betsy Coffia and Senator John

DaMoose, notably the discussion of funding of IMLS. The board discussed the IMLS, MeL and MeLCat, and funding of these programs. Mark was glad he went to MLA Advocacy Day and felt it was well worth the effort.

VII. Public Comment:

- A. Patty shared that audio was lost three times during the 40 minute meeting. Dale also had lost audio at one point.

VIII. Closed session

- A. Rick moved the board move to closed session to discuss real estate at 7:42pm. Roll call vote, unanimous approval.

IX. Adjournment

- A. Rick moved to adjourn at 8:27pm

Next Meeting: June 16, 2025 at 7pm

Minutes respectively submitted by Amanda Kruk, secretary