

Sept 10, 2024—Minutes—St. Ignace Board of Trustees

Meeting called to order at 5:04 by President, Ruth LaChapelle.

Roll Call: Present: Ruth LaChapelle, Deanna Draze, Joe Power, Jim Carnes, Elaine McDonald, Loni Brown, Chad

Library Assistant Director. (Kim Nowack ...Zoom)

Short Takes for Trustees: Postponed

Minutes: Aug 27 Special meeting minutes reviewed. Elaine McDonald made motion to approve. Supported by Joe Power. Motion carried. Aug 13 minutes reviewed. Jim Carnes made motion to approve. Supported by Joe Power. Motion carried.

Additions to the agenda: None

Old Business:

- The project to eradicate poison ivy with the use of goats was approved at the August 27 Special Meeting but we are still in negotiations for a date.

New Business:

- Finance Committee Report:
 - An upcoming HVAC bill for \$979 will be expensed from line item 932 Equipment Maintenance rather than line item 776 Building Maintenance Supplies. This is within budget so no board action required.
- Initial planning for 2025 budget has begun. Increases in revenues include: Moran Township +\$7,000; St. Ignace Township + \$510; and interest earnings + \$4,000.
- Director's Report.
 - Collection Development: Chad has made great progress in catching up with processing new and donated books that have come in.
 - Community: The Community Room and History room have been consistently booked. St. Ignace
 - Schools speech therapist has used the History room to give students support while school was closed this summer. This introduced the library to new families.
 - The Friends Book Sale raised \$984.40.

HOURS:

Monday 10-5
Tuesday 10-5

Wednesday 10-7
Thursday 10-5

Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-3

- Professional Development: Director participated in the Post Pandemic Libraries Cohort meeting and the monthly Library of Michigan's meeting. Also attended several city meetings and the Mackinac County Wellness Coalition to plan for the Senior Expo.
- Programming: Storytime attendance fluctuates. Sarah doing a wonderful job.
- Upcoming Events:
 - September MHS programs: Shipwrecks of the Straits and Claiming Michigan: The 1820 Expedition of Lewis Cass.
 - Midwest Winds, the USAF Woodwinds Quartet 9/17
 - Joan Turner-Coven's book talk—"life at the Convent School in Michigan 9/19
 - Father Marquette's Return, panel discussion 9/20
 - Children's Scavenger Hunt in the library
 - Regular meetings such as Fiber Arts, Book Club, Cribbage, Friday Coffee & Art Films.
- Approval of Payables: The payables were approved.
- Temporary Patron Card Policy. Recommended: \$20 deposit for 2 weeks. Board discussed but tabled the proposal so alternatives could be evaluated.
- Community Survey Summary was distributed and briefly discussed.
- Kim Nowack reported that she did not get re-elected to the Superiorland Library Cooperative.

Motion to adjourn was made by Joe Power. Supported by Loni Brown. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Oct 8, 2024. Respectively submitted by Deanna Draze—Sept 26, 2024