
Minutes of St. Ignace Library Board of Trustees June 10, ~~June 11~~, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:00 by Jim Carnes

Roll Call: Present – Ruth LaChapelle, Kim Nowack, Becky Simmons, Jim Carnes, Sharon Crotser
Library Director

Short Takes for Trustees: Topic – F&S Marketing the Millage. Ballot question committee...Yes
committee...provide information, but be careful what is done on library time

The minutes of the May 25, 2025 meeting were discussed. Moved by Nowack and supported by
Simmons to approved with a correction to Elaine MacDonald's name. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Millage Informational Sheets were approved by the city attorney. They will be posted in the
library, given out to patrons or others wishing information, posted in newsletter and shared
with groups such as Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce and St. Ignace and Moran Townships.
Question was asked how to respond if asked what the funds from previous millage were used
for... They were used for building maintenance, HVAC, boiler issues, programs, new reading
material, etc.

New Business

Director's Report:

Received a grant from the Community Foundation for a projector and accessories

Mike McGrath has been doing "handyman services" for us. This has worked well at a
reasonable cost and there are plans to ask him to perform other projects

Sharon attended the Storytellers Festival in St. Ignace and enjoyed it very much. The session
concerning sharing the story of institutional missions was especially worthwhile.

Preliminary plans are being made to work with Anne St. Onge of the Mackinac Island Library
to create shared programs concerning maritime subjects.

The entire Director's Report will be placed on file.

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Finance Committee Report:

No report this month as the committee did not meet. All line items are in good shape. They are working on an Investment Policy

Facility Audit:

Many items are already taken care of and Mike McGrath will be asked to do others. We will continue to work on this project.

Survey:

A discussion was held concerning the survey, specifically whether we should include questions about the community as a whole. After discussion, it was moved by LaChapelle and supported by Simmons that the survey be approved. Motion carried.

MILibo:

Tabled until next meeting when Sharon will have more information on this app.

Kim Nowack gave an update concerning the internment of the Larry Rubin ashes. Mr. Rubin was very instrumental in building our new library and always very supportive. His ashes needed to be put to rest and he is now interned in the Jewish Cemetery in Petoskey next to his first wife, Olga.

Moved by Nowack and supported by LaChapelle that we adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth LaChapelle, acting secretary

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