

Minutes of St. Ignace Library Board of Trustees,
August 12, 2025

Meeting called to order by Elaine MacDonald at 5:19 p.m.

Roll call: Present - Elaine MacDonald, Becky Simmons, Ruth Lachapelle, Jim Carnes
Remote - Kim Nowack
Others present - Lib. Dir. Sharon Crotser, Jill Eyre
Absent - Deanna Drazo, Joe Power

Video: Short Take for Trustees; not available due to technical issues.

Motion by Ruth, second by Jim to change date on June meeting minutes to 6/10. Approved unanimously.

July meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Ruth, second by Jim. Approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS -

Township millage issues, Moran and St. Ignace Townships, passed by wide margins.

NEW BUSINESS -

Director's Report: Digitalizing of old history records and obituaries is ongoing to prevent them being lost.

Attendance at summer programs has been low, while programs have been good.
Summer Reading sing up has been brisk, and participation encouraging.

Payables: After review, a motion was made by Ruth, second by Becky, to approve the month's payables as presented. Passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report: Several matters were noted concerning current budget numbers, notable among them a penal fines revenue check that was \$14K lower than last year. The committee will meet prior to the September board meeting to identify certain revision to some budget line items.

Facility Audit: Board input was shared with Library Design Associates. No decisions have been made as to how the final changes will look, as discussions are ongoing.

Community Survey: Surveys have begun to be given out. Still too soon to measure public response.

HOURS:

Monday 10-5
Tuesday 10-5

Wednesday 10-7
Thursday 10-5

Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-3

Building Maintenance Plan: For review only. Action will be requested at the September meeting.

Friends of the Library meeting: The Friends group will cover the costs for 10 seniors to attend the AARP Driving Class, among several other programs.

Open Comment: Ruth mentioned her interest in a Storywalk activity that she has noticed is being done in other communities. Sharon advised that such a program is being planned for St. Ignace, and has been partially installed.

Motion was made by Ruth, second by Becky, to adjourn. Motion approved at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Carnes.