
Minutes — July 14, 2026

St. Ignace Library Board of Trustees

Meeting called to order at 5:03 by President Jim Carnes.

Roll Call: Present: Jim Carnes, Becky Simmons, Ruth LaChapelle, Jill Eyre, Joe Power, Abby Ollila, Library Director. (Deanna Draze arrived 5:15).

Minutes: June minutes reviewed. LaChapelle made the motion to approve. Motion was supported by Power. Motion carried.

Additions to the agenda: None.

Old Business:

- New Director Contract:
 - Power made the motion to approve Abby's new contract. LaChapelle supported the motion. Motion passed.
- Investment Policy:
 - Power made the motion table the approval of the investment policy until it is streamlined and signature page added. Draze supported the motion. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Director's Report Highlights:
 - Circulation:
 - Circulation for June is slightly lower than in 2025 but visitors are slightly higher.
 - Collection development:
 - Chad and Sarah continue with on-going weeding with final approval resting with Abby. The director and the librarians share collection development duties.
 - Community:
 - Abby has been introducing herself to city officials, St. Ignace News & Chamber of Commerce staff as well as beginning to make contacts with community organizations/partners.

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- Programming:
 - The summer reading program is underway with good turnout. Children have been very engaged.
 - Regular programs such as Hand-Made, Book Club, and Fiber Arts are continuing. Poets and Prose group is looking at a new time for monthly meetings.
 - Scheduling events for October and November has begun.
- Approval of Payables:
 - Power made the motion to approve payables. LaChapelle supported. Motion passed.
- Financial Report:
 - There was discussion of line items that were over 50% spent. The budget is somewhat skewed because of Director overlap and expenses associated with interviewing new director candidates. The Finance committee will meet before our August meeting (Joe, Jill, and Abby). The city is adjusting the workman's comp. LaChapelle made the motion to pay the \$1,000 Library Audit Fee. Motion supported by Eyre. Motion passed.
- Millage Renewal Promotion:
 - Power made the motion to send out promotional postcards for the millage renewal that will be on the August ballot. LaChapelle supported the motion. General discussion of the Headlee Amendment. Abby will inquire about newspaper ad.
- Library of Things:
 - Discussion of the need for microphone and amplifier for the library PA system. Drazé made the motion to purchase for the Library of Things. Motion supported by LaChapelle. Motion passed.

OTHER:

- President Carnes will be unavailable for the week of August 11 due to surgery.
- Abby's contact information was exchanged.

Power made motion to adjourn. Supported by LaChapelle. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Drazé — Aug 7, 2026

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