

Minutes — August 11, 2026

Board of Trustees of the St. Ignace Public Library

Meeting called to order at 5:03 by Vice President Joe Power.

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

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

Additions to the agenda: None.

Old Business:

- Investment Policy: The approval of the Investment Policy was tabled until President Jim Carnes is present. Effective date will be changed to the date of signing.

New Business:

- Director's Report Highlights:
 - *Circulation*: Circulation for July is slightly lower than in 2025, but visitors are slightly higher.
 - *Collection Development*: Adult fiction orders are made by Abby once a month. Sarah develops juvenile orders and Arthur maintains the DVD collection.
 - *Community*:
 - Abby met with Terri Allen, the Community Health Educator of the St. Ignace Tribal Health Center to discuss collaboration opportunities.
 - St. Ignace Millage Renewal Passed 361-91.
 - *Administration*:
 - A total of 1,796 info postcards were sent out for the millage election. There will be a 30% printing discount for smeared postcards.
 - Abby is working on design and creation of library promotional graphics for website, social media, newsletters and printed advertising.
 - 20 attendees were at the superhero-themed Story Hour and crafts.

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- *Programming:*

- The summer reading program had 54 participants. Children have been very engaged.
- Attendance at adult programs: Tim Mulherin (10), Andrew Mahon (7), Diana Magnuson (15).
- Regular programs such as Hand-Made (20 attendees), Book Club, and Fiber Arts are continuing. Poets and Prose group is looking at a new time for monthly meetings.
- October: Lord of the Gourd.
- November: Terri Allen and Abby are planning monthly programs on Native history and culture. Abby will create library displays.

- *Personnel:*

- Sarah and Abby will have a table of materials and info to promote the library at the Project Backpack event in September.
- Arthur has refined our library logo for digital printing.
- Chad has been re-cataloging the biography section and prepping for the September book sale.

- Financial Report:

- *Penal Fines:* Penal Fines were received but not reflected in this month's budget report. Discussion of fluctuations in fines is due to changes in prosecutors and judges.
- *Grants:* We did not receive the Community Foundation Grant as hoped. There will be a second grant submission to the Soo Tribe in the fall.
- Actual Millage revenue is \$27,654.25.
- Workman's comp looks as if there is deficit, but we are assured it will balance at end of year.
- Periodicals are being adjusted.

- Payables were approved with signatures.

- Animal Policy: Discussion of whether we need an animal policy. A sample was presented. Policy tabled until next meeting.

OTHER:

- LaChapelle reminded trustees that they still are looking for volunteers to help with book and bake sale. Judy is still in charge.

5:35 Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Drazé—Sept 4, 2026

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