

Eaton Rapids Area District Library

220 South Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

April 20th, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Call To Order: Special Board meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Jan Denton.

Attendance:

Present: Jan Denton, Emily Bodkin, Bryonna Barton, Nancy Pople, Pat Lawton, Matthew Swan-Badgero, Teresa Baldwin.

Absent: Amanda Norton, Kathy Priesman, Krysta McGee.

Approval of Agenda:

Nancy moved to approve. Emily seconded. All approved with no further discussion.

Approval of April 13th, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Matt approved. Emily seconded. All approved with no further discussion.

Clare Membiela, Library of Michigan Law Consultant-Presentation:

Jan introduced Board members and other public present. Presentation consisted of discussion on United for Libraries, current book challenges, constitutional law including the 1st amendment and how it is currently impacting libraries. An instruction on children and the 1st amendment as it relates to libraries was discussed. Education on the Boards role in libraries and policies that should be in a libraries by-law.

Kate Pohjola Andrade, Woodlands Library Cooperative Directors-Presentation:

Kate discussed the history of the Woodlands Library Cooperative and her current role as its director. Discussed Library benefits of being a part of the Woodland Cooperative. Bryonna stated she will reach out to Woodlands Cooperative about possible assistance with paying legal fees and court costs. Presentation on role of the library board and their responsibilities to the library and the library director's responsibilities to the board. Role of board committees discussed and procedures for board meeting discussed. Discussed code of conduct policies.

Board Comment: Jan and Nancy mentioned how helpful the presentations were and Emily stated she will look into old code of conduct policies she has worked on in the past for guidance for future library policies.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Jan Denton at 8:49pm. **Next meeting May 11th, 2023.**