

**Eaton Rapids Area District Library
220 S. Main Street
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
March 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting**

Call To Order: March meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Jan Denton

Attendance:

Present: Emily Bodkin, Jan Denton, Robin Buysse, Amanda Norton, Kathy Priesman, Dee Halsey.

Absent: Matthew Swan-Badgero, Diana Hayter (Friends Group)

Approval of Agenda: Motioned for approval by Kathy. Amanda seconded. All approved with no further discussion .

Approval of February 13th, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

No report, email has been down. Amanda moved to table financial report due to illness. Kathy seconded. All approved with no further discussion.

Guest: Jeremy Leik, Head of Technology:

Jeremy showed off the Smart Board and some cool uses. Had a tour of the New library Website. Has Mega dropdown menus. In May Jeremy will be adding a “chatbot” to answer common questions. Working with the vendor to solve printing issues.

Director Report:

Door count was 1,924 compared to last year’s 2104 and our circulation was comparable to last year. All programs have been successful with over 227 attendees in total for programs in February. “March Madness Brackets” are up. “Spring into Reading” guides are out and going fast. 35 are registered for “Mommy and Me Tea”. Bryonna finalized a new website & focus groups w/ Jeremy, finalized policy redesign, scheduled and began summer reading preparations and scheduled furnace tune-up. Teresa weeded adult fiction and had all staff one-on-one. Emmy was busy with many programs, going to try to run Librarian Camp again with older kids as no one came to the other offering. Raynah added all spring events to the website calendar, finished the Spring Program Guide and got it ordered. Zackary completed a network terms test, worked on AI webinar and helped work on a smart screen stand. Jeremy met with 4 patrons, worked w/Zack to improve technology skills. JulieAnn started the MeL Maven Badge program and completed a full sequence of patrons overdue twice in one month resulting in the return of items long overdue.

Committee Reports

Friends Group - Kathy reported that they had a meeting last week, worked on 5k planning (meeting on Monday 17th) Bryonna helped design a new logo.

Facilities Committee- Awarded a \$20,000.00 grant for Lockers. Will have 17 units and act as a 2nd branch. Have 3 quotes from locker companies and 3 quotes from security system companies. Emily presented the committee's research and recommendations for both lockers and security systems. Amanda motioned to approve the Facilities committee recommendation with Bibliotheca of \$17,000.00 for locker system and Total Security for security cameras for \$4,000.00. Kathy 2nd with no discussion, all approved.

Old Business

None

New Business

FYE 2025-2026 Budget. Present and current 2024-2025 budget. The programming budget increased from \$9,000.00 to \$11,000.00 and increased technology \$1,000.00 and may have to go up another \$2,000.00.

Board Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Adjournment 8:14pm

Next Meeting: April 10, 2025