



220 South Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827
March 12th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Call To Order:

March meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Jan Denton.

Attendance:

Present: Jan Denton, Robin Buysse, Dee Halsey, Emily Bodkin, Vicki Loren, Kathy Priesman, Byronna Barton

Absent: Matthew Swan-Badgero

Approval of Agenda:

Kathy moved to approve the agenda. Robin seconded. All approved with no further discussion.

Approval of February 12th, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Emily moved to approve meeting minutes for February. Robin seconded. All approved with no further discussion.

Guest: Bookkeeper Carrie Johnson. Presentation included a handout of key terms and definitions to help us understand the financial statement better. Plan for 1/4ly training possible.

Financial Report

Financials are in good standing and nothing out of the ordinary. Behind on monies from property taxes as no one covered for the employee out for a month and a half for bereavement.

Directors Report:

Door count was at 2054 which was up from last year. 34 new library cards this month. Locker usage and self-checkout are going well. Emmy's Homeschool Hangouts is booming with 96 participants and they are enjoying being at the new Teen Center. Michael is a wonderful addition, he is very friendly and welcoming. The Girl Scouts confirmed 2/25 that they would like to participate in painting the new library mural. Bryonna began grant for front of building. Circulation is up, programs are going well. Programs will be moved around during construction to various locations in town.

Committee Reports:

Friends Group:

3/7/26 book sale netted \$224.00, second sale is 3/14/26. Moved the auction to the book sale checkout area hoping for more participation. Shirts being sold for \$22. Discussion over what will be done with the leftover books, Robin suggested taking them to the MSU surplus store as they take them evaluate the condition and either resell or recycle them. A small room has been cleaned out upstairs, Diana is looking to get a 2 drawer file and a small book case to store FOL stuff. June 13 has been approved for the 5K run. FOL is now insured.

Facilities Committee:

The contingency bid was \$170,000, Laux bid \$162,000. Furniture came in 7-8,000 less. There were discussions about finding savings within the project, and the committee will meet again via zoom with Dan the architect to go over Laux savings with construction. The ceiling above the drop down ceiling is questionable material so Tri-Terra a hazardous waste assessor has been hired for \$2,000 to do an assessment before construction begins. The committee will meet at 1:00pm Friday 13th to discuss awarding Laux with the contract.

Finance Committee:

Emily motioned to accept the financial report, Dee seconded. No further discussion with all in favor.

Old Business:

New Business:

FYE 2026-2027 Budget

FYE 2025-2026 Quarter 3 Amendments

Property taxes are higher than originally budgeted, several line items in book purchases were adjusted/reduced as budgeted monies were not spent.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Jan Denton at 8:44pm

Next Meeting: April 9, 2026