



220 South Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

April 9th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

### **Call To Order:**

April meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Robin Buysse.

### **Attendance:**

**Present:** Emily Bodkin, Bryonna Barton, Matthew Swan-Badgero, Diana Hayter, Robin Buysse, Vicki Loren, Dee Halsey, Kathy Priesman.

**Absent:** Jan Denton

### **Approval of Agenda:**

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

### **Approval of March 12th, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**

Emily moved to approve meeting minutes for March. Kathy seconded. All approved with no further discussion.

### **Financial Report**

Financials in good standing and nothing out of the ordinary. Waiting for some taxes to still come in. City taxes still need to come in. \$21,807.54 needed to reach our \$300,000 goal for building renovation project. \$9,492 spent of the \$272,000 budget for renovations so far.

### **Directors Report:**

Door count was at 2239 which was up from last year. Circulation was down from last year but renovation projects started in late March so library was closed for a couple days which could account for that difference. 28 new library cards last month. Bryonna worked with Kate on the strategic plan, set up hazardous waste assessment and everything passed. She also finalized the refresh plans and they are up and running. Emmy set up the Firehouse Pizza Party and it was a huge success. Hamlin Township fire department was amazing to work with. Emmy attended the Spring Institute in Grand Rapids and will be hosting an Adult and Child Drawing Workshop as a family program this summer. Raynah attended the Firehouse Pizza Party and helped move

things upstairs/recycling for refresh project and started planning family programs for the summer. Jeremy prepared technology for the construction project and stayed on top of all the updates about technology. Teresa moved new materials to the regular shelves and did 3 notaries for the month. Michael began training on MeL and began digitizing paper library applications.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Friends Group:**

Friends of the ERADL president Diana Hayter presented the committee report. Meeting was yesterday April 8<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting is June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Donation from a family of \$500.00 which will go towards plastic plants for new library lounge. Voted on adding president and treasurer to the bank accounts. 5K on June 13<sup>th</sup> and registration is up on the website. Shirts are being made for the 5K and still looking for more sponsors. Book fairs netted \$424.76. The rest of the books were donated to Beaubien Book Swap.

### **Finance Committee:**

Met today to discuss and review the final budget. Budget was finalized.

### **Old Business:**

Strategic planning-having trouble getting ahold of Kate. Bryonna stated she was going to finish the strategic planning herself as the library needs to get the survey launched soon. Budget hearing-the budget is different from last months version as Liz has been off and there was an extra \$11,000 that needed to be redistributed. Redistributed as follows: property taxes from \$427,000 to \$422,000, Salaries from \$235,000 to \$223,000, and promotions from \$15,000 to \$9,000. Matthew made the motion to approve the new budget with changes made. Kathy seconded. All in favor with no further discussion. Updates on Library Refresh-underway and going well. Extra money would have been needed for some construction changes but construction company stated they would do them at no extra cost. Phase one should be completed on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### **New Business:**

Facilities and Services Policy updated for board to review and approve at next meeting.

**Board Comment:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by Robin Buysse at 7:29pm.

**Next Meeting:** May 14th, 2026 Regular Meeting

