



220 South Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

August 13th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Call To Order:

August meeting called to order at 6:31pm by Kathy Priesman.

Attendance:

Present: Bryonna Barton, Matthew Swan-Badgero, Vicki Loren, Kathy Priesman, Diana Hayter, Dee Halsey.

Absent: Emily Bodkin, Robin Buysse, Jan Denton

Approval of Agenda:

Vicki moved to approve agenda. Matthew seconded. All approved with no further discussion.

Approval of July 9th, 2026 Meeting Minutes:

Matthew moved to approve meeting minutes for July. Dee seconded. All approved with no further discussion.

Financial Report

Have a negative balance in the financials but everything is paid off. Financials are in good order otherwise. Came in under budget for the Refresh Project. \$736,235.92 for total assets. Total liabilities at \$114,879.56 and total equity at \$621,356.36. Accounts look well and nothing more to report this month on the budget. Matthew made a motion to approve the budget and pay the bills. Vicki seconded. All in favor with no further discussion. Discussed 4th quarter budget amendments. Dee made a motion to approve the 4th quarter budget amendments and Matthew seconded. All in favor with no further discussion.

Directors Report:

Door count was up significantly since last month to 3,021. 78 new library cards and summer programs are wrapping up with good success. Self-checkout at 346 for the past month. Huge turnout for all the programs this month. Raynah is coordinating the Girl Scout Mural and ran multiple programs and is in the process of planning fall programs. Emmy ran the teddy bear tea

party and submitted official reimbursement requests and assisted with fall program planning. Teresa attended a management class and completed and scanned overdue letters. Jeremy has updated the computers and is working with tech support for various vendors to get questions answered. Micheal updated MeL emails and assisted with program/set up around the library. He was also the recipient of the first Golden Duck award. Bryonna prepped for the audit, launched the "Flock Together" Award program and continued to work on the handbook. Girl Scout painting on 8/29/26. Summer reading programs ended on 8/14/26. Camera and security installed.

Committee Reports:

Friends Group:

Board president Diana Hayter reported for the Friends Group. Met last week for the monthly meeting. Received a \$1000.00 check from Nicholas Granger. Financially doing well. Talked about the article in the paper about the 5K. Members voted on not doing the 5K next year but looking at other options for fundraising. Book sale at the library from 1-5pm on 8/28/26. Used some money to buy plants and art work for the library.

Financial Committee:

Met before the monthly library board meeting and discussed the 4th quarter amendments.

Old Business:

Strategic planning-Talked about and reviewed the strategic planning survey. Will discuss at next meeting.

New Business: None

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Kathy at 7:26pm.

Next Meeting: September 10th, 2026 Regular Meeting