Rauchholz Memorial Library Board Meeting
May 4, 2026 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Samantha McKenzie	Pamela Perry
	Sharon King	James Murphy
	Carl Bruse	Diane Raths

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

ALSO PRESENT: BillieJo Bluemer, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Rauchholz Memorial Library Board was called to order by President S. King at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: D. Raths moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A. Sensabaugh spoke briefly of the anticipation among the students about the upcoming visit to the Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: D. Raths made a motion to approve the minutes from April 6th. Motion carried.

BILLS AND EXPENDITURES: Bills and expenditures were reviewed for April, 2026. S. McKenzie made a motion to pay the bills. A roll call vote was taken: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; C. Bruse, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW (FINANCIALS): B. Bluemer shared two formats for April's Revenue and Expenditure Reports. After the Board's review of those financials, P. Perry moved that the Board approve them. A roll call vote was taken: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; C. Bruse, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: B. Bluemer gave her director's report (see attached), noting that the Fremont Township check for library services has been received. The future of MEL services and the State of Michigan's budget proposals were also discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Renovations: The renovations communication will be facilitated by a committee of the Board, composed of S. King, P. Perry and J. Murphy. That committee will report to the Board: meeting(s) of the committee with Three Rivers Corporation will be scheduled as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open House, May 13: Given the busy spring schedules, this gathering has been re-scheduled for fall.
Birch Trees: The condition of the birch trees on the northwest corner of the building was discussed, with a decision to postpone any alterations.
Sidewalk: As with the trees, since renovation is probable soon, the sidewalk repair will also be considered later.
Annual Report FY 2025-2026: B. Bluemer shared copies of a summary of the past year, including services provided, innovations, financial status, and photos of activities.
Banking Options: Various programs for effective banking were discussed. B. Bluemer will conduct more research and return to the Board for its decision.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

ADJOURNMENT: P. Perry made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, James Murphy, Secretary