



## Library Board Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Admin Office

126 E Main St

Ionia, MI 48846

### January 15, 2025

### Minutes

**Call to Order:** President Yeomans called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Members Present:** Stephanie Batista, Toni Ann Buys, Amy Fuller, Nancy Miller, Ashley Reisbig and Gale Yeomans

**Members Absent:** None.

**Other Attendees:** Director Dale Parus, Manager of Library Operations Paula Wood and Union Representative Shanni Kerr

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Fuller to approve the agenda with the addition of approval of the minutes, supported by Reisbig. Motion carried unanimously.

**Previous Minutes:** Motion by Reisbig to accept the November 20, 2024 meeting minutes, supported by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** The November and December 2024 financial reports were received and filed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Director's Report & Statistics Report:** The Director's Report and the November and December Statistical Reports were received and filed.

#### **Committee Reports**

--*Finance Committee (Batista, Parus & Wood):* No report.

--*Personnel Committee (Yeomans, Buys & Parus):* No report.

--*Policy Committee (Miller, Buys, Parus & Kerr):* Will schedule a policy review meeting soon.

--*Building and Grounds Committee (Fuller, Reisbig & Parus):* No report.

--*Grant Committee (Yeomans, Batista & Parus):* No report.

#### **Continuing Business:**

--*Ionia Community Library Foundation (ICLF):* The ICLF is in the process of having a quilt created with pictures of local buildings to raffle off in the Spring. On March 15 at 2 PM at the Future ICL the Foundation will host *Women of the Watch, Keepers of the Light* with Anna Marck. Donations will be accepted for admission. The Foundation will continue to solicit Tier 1 donors and give tours of the Future ICL to generate larger donations. Buys has been in contact



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with professionals that have experience marketing foundations to attract donors and a library that was successful in raising funds to renovate their building. This knowledge will help generate other avenues for the ICLF to pursue to meet the March 2027 deadline to raise \$2 million.

**New Business:**

--*Pension Fund*: Parus recommends the Board consider making a lump sum payment to the pension fund, if possible, toward the end of the budget year.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** **Motion** to adjourn by Fuller, supported by Buys. Motion carried unanimously. President Yeomans adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is 6 PM on Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Wood  
Manager of Library Operations