



Library Board Meeting

2nd Floor Admin Office

126 E Main St

Ionia, MI 48846

November 20, 2024

Minutes

Call to Order: President Yeomans called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Members Present: Toni Ann Buys, Amy Fuller, Ashley Reisbig and Gale Yeomans

Members Absent: Nancy Miller and Stephanie Batista

Guests: Ross Sprague, AFR Manager, Rehmann via Zoom

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

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

FY 2023-2024 Audit Report: Ross Sprague presented the audit to the board via Zoom and noted that the ICL continues to receive the highest opinion that can be given on an audit. The report states:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of the Ionia Community Library (the "Library"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of the Library as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Motion by Fuller, supported by Buys to accept the FY 2023-2024 audit report with the discussed amendments made in the final audit report by Rehmann. Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Minutes: **Motion** by Fuller to accept the October 16, 2024 meeting minutes, supported by Reisbig. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: The October 2024 financial reports were received and filed.



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Public Comment: None.

Director's Report & Statistics Report: The two-year lease with Ionia County to use the Future ICL for early voting and training purposes will end in December. Parus was directed by the Board to begin negotiations with Ionia County for another two years. The Director's Report and the October 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):* No report.
- 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 sent out 5,401 fundraising letters to Ionia County residents on November 14 explaining the ICLF and their plan to raise funds to renovate and relocate ICL. There is a lot of work to do, funds need to be raised by or before March 2027 to receive the \$2.1 M CDS grant.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Fuller, supported by Reisbig. Motion carried unanimously. President Yeomans adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM. There is no December meeting. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is 6 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Wood
Manager of Library Operations