

**LUTHER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 10, 2026
115 State Street, Luther, MI 49656**

Call to Order: 4:43PM

Members Present: Kim, Theresa, Amanda, Ann, Sue, Julie

Visitors Comments: None

Approving Agenda: Amanda -Motion. Ann - 2nd

Approve Secretary's Minutes for May 2026; Sue - Motion. Amanda - 2nd.

Treasurer's Report for May 2026:

Question: Cameo's entire yearly wage was listed under janitorial vs clerical and janitorial wages are higher. This won't be corrected until next year ~ about \$400. She will be then listed as "Library Asst." to avoid the again. The State is error and won't fix it this year. Apparently there is no way for the State to separate the clerical and janitorial services.

*\$127,523.02 end balance general acct.

+\$124,700.95

\$252,223.97 Total on all

>Newkirk - Distro 10 = \$5000 donation
>Dollar Genreal Grant = \$5000
> Gerber Grant = \$2000

Ann motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Amanda - 2nd the motion.

Librarian's Report May 2026:

Attendance has increased in large part because school is out. We are seeing in the high 20's to mid-30's in visitors.

Summer Reading Program is in full swing.

Donations to Silent Auction during Luther Day's.

Need volunteers for Luther Day's.

*Amanda motioned to add donated closed alcohol to silent auction fundraisers. Ann- 2nd. Roll call taken and all passed with a yes vote.

Received a check for 25 millage for \$6000.

Librarian report motion to approve by Ann. Amand 2nd. All approved.

Old Business

>Propane Companies:

Coyne - \$1.599/gal, no lease = free tank

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Crystal Flash - \$1.442/gal

Ferral Gas - \$1.69

We need to cancel Crystal Flash. Call Coyne and question the percentage of emptiness-? How to lock in price if we're at 25%? Any breaks for non-profit?

>Director Laughlin Hours/Library Hours:

President Sue commented that "the millage will happen. If ever our millage doesn't pass we'll have to take drastic measures anyhow."

CD interest? *see report attachment) Can/should we use that interest towards wages?

Amanda brought MI CLASS to the table discussion. The Tustin Fire Dept. informed Amanda and her township of MI CLASS. If we were to put all of our money into this MI CLASS we could use the money at any time for anything. We questioned penalties? Risks? Interest? Fluxuations? Julie will speak to her nephew about this program.

>Angela Letter: All directors are salary based not hourly. HOW? How does Tustin, LeRoy, Baldwin and Reed City afford \$40K librarians? Theresa is \$19.10/hour.

Ann will contact the local libraries to investigate how to afford \$40K librarians. She will also inquire about their vacation time as well as how many other employees are being carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

>Square (Venmo/Apple Pay) - Luther Days use the square. 2.68% + .15 per transaction.

Device used to scan cost what?

The library can also use the square for the garbage bag purchases, late fees and other purchases made by patrons. We would add a 3% convenience fee to the consumer.

Amanda motioned to allow Theresa to purchase the CC device up to \$500. Ann 2nd and all approved with roll call.

> Voting by phone: Request to allow face to face virtual communication of board members if necessary. Voting can be done only via face to face. Amanda motioned to allow board members to join via Zoom. Ann 2nd and all approved.

> Holiday Hours: See attached paper for local library comparisons.

Theresa stated that because July 4, 2026 is on Saturday the library will be closed on Monday, July 6, 2026.

> Furnace:

We are approaching 30 years with our current furnace. Theresa is checking with Great Lakes to inquire if the grant money for the security doors could be used for a new furnace system instead. We need to make sure the new furnace will connect with our AC unit. Theresa is investigation - we will be notified if there is a need for an emergency meeting regarding this issue for the timing of ordering and installing the new furnace.

Trustee Comments: None

Budget Amendments: None

Next meeting July 9, 2026

Adjourn: Amanda Motioned to adjourn at 5:51. Ann - seconded.

Approved
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Respectfully Submitted by
Julie Riggs