

LUTHER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 9, 2026
115 State Street, Luther, MI 49656

Call to Order: Sue @ 4:30pm

Members Present: Sue, Kim, Donna, Theresa, Julie

Visitors Comments: None

Approving Agenda: June 2026: Sue-motion, Donna-2nd

Treasurer's Report: June 2026: *Received millage money to reflex +\$64,661!

Julie motioned, Sue-2nd

Librarian's Report: June 2026: Sue motioned and Kim 2nd.

Secretary's minutes: June 2026: Sue motioned and Kim 2nd.

Old Business:

Summer Hours started on June 1, 2026. Attendance has increased.

Collected \$800 with the "Pie in the Face" fundraiser and a bit over \$2000 in the Silent Auction.

We have just a little over \$3000 cash raised thus far. The hotdog sale was not profitable.

Laughlin Hours and Holiday hours discussion were tabled due to Ann being absent.

CD Interest Program:

Donna reports that our bylaws state we can only deal with Lake Osceola State Bank. Julie's nephew advised against MI CLASS. Kim will question with our auditor. Sue said we'll table this and revisit it next March/April

Propane: Coyne- have our tank to 5% because there's a charge a pump out fee. Call them when we're at 20% which should be in October.

Square: \$585 in our credit card account. Candy bars, book, etc. thru Luther Days.

Option A - put the money in our main acct.

Option B - debit card (charged by bank @ the ATM)

Option C - open a secondary bank acct **Maintain a minimum \$100 balance.

*Theresa is the sole carrier of the debit card. Purchase can be tracked. Sue motioned to accept Option B with Theresa in charge. Roll Call - all approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Doors: Andrew Cornelius submitted a bid for \$5000 (attached doc) Our Great Lakes grant is in August for \$5000 so this will be totally covered. Sue motioned to accept Mr. Cornelius's bid. Julie 2nd. Roll Call all approved.

Luther Days: Next year we will wait a week after Luther Days to hold our monthly meeting. It is too soon and chaotic for Theresa and Kim to be prepared holding the meeting immediately following Luther Days.

Negatives: A man was trying to buy books off the shelves. The Carnival did NOT ask to use our water but rather just hooked up to it. The Port-A-Johns were locked up so for anyone in need they used our restroom (and Dollar Generals). The restrooms were a total mess forcing Kami to clean more. Our Ad looks like a toddler wrote it. The business promoting literacy had the ad that was completely incorrect. We were not mentioned in the thank you "Support our Non-Profits" which has Sue questioning if there are hard feeling towards the library. She will talk with Rosie. The vendors utilized our handicap parking. They occupied the parking all day. Theresa would like to entertain the idea of holding the book sale outside next year. Amanda and Julie have canopy tents. The hotdog and silent auction would be outside as well in hopes of attracting more consumers.

Amanda signed in at 5:15pm

Sue attended the Dover Twp. meeting on 7/8/26. She reported that they discussed the library hasn't acted on our information at any township meetings. Theresa mentioned that there is already someone at the meeting to question and that we weren't officers when this was established. -1979: Dover, Newkirk, Ellsworth are the only twp to have a vote on our library board. Karen Goodlein went to a lawyer but didn't mention that ALL townships pay into our millage. In December, Sue said, "if we're paying a lawyer then let's go all the way and change the 1979 bylaw."

What did Ann and Case find out with the lawyer?

Bylaw = 8 townships and twp has a vote.

Reach out to Barb Stenger - - in need be after.

Donna will locate the Bylaw Book.

Minutes are not posted online because our website is under construction. They are posted in the window.

Amanda will report back about the minutes posted.

The library is in progress of rectifying the bylaws.

Trustee Comments: None

Budget Amendments - None

Next meeting: August 13, 2026

Adjourned: 5:40pm

Respectfully Submitted

Julie Riggs