

Three Oaks Township Public Library
April 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Patience Petro, Board President. Present: Debby Freehling, Stacey Koziel, Connie Slavens, Tom Rosenbluth, Christina Zebell, and Cheryl Kersey.

Motion by PP to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by SK. All ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

Public Comment: Garth Taylor, the founder of School of American Music, thanked the library board and the library for allowing S.A.M. to utilize and rent space in the library since its inception in 2012. He said his family will be making a \$1,000 gift to the Friends of the Library to be used to "broaden the library's reach." Discussion followed.

Unfinished Business:

Grants – nothing to report.

Budget – CK said Current Budget was in folders. CK said as of March 31, 2025 there was \$379,300.31 in Library Fund. CK said the library's fiscal year ended March 31. CK said the library has received \$92,342.90 from Chikaming Township Library millage. Discussion followed.

Building Maintenance –

Fireplaces: CK said fireplaces are finished. Discussion followed.

Entryway: CZ said the contractor expects to start this project within the next few weeks.

Third Floor Windows: CK said the company is building the library's windows and will then install.

Friends of the Library – They met last month and will pay for Summer Reading prizes and purchase cookies for National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025.

Other – TR asked Cheryl if she has ever coordinated with the school on curriculum. Discussion followed.

Director's Report – attached to these minutes. Discussion followed.

Trustee Education – CK said the federal closure of the Institute of Museum of Library Sciences (IMLS) may affect the Three Oaks Library. We do not receive any of the funding directly. Library of Michigan used most of the IMLS funds they receive to operate MeL.org and the state's inter-library loan system. Discussion followed.

New Business:

Other – SK said her son's teacher asked if the library would be interested in coordinating something with Girls on the Run. CK said yes. Discussion followed. SK will follow up with teacher.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2024, 3:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by PP at 3:56, seconded by DF.