



## Library Board Meeting

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

126 E Main St

Ionia, MI 48846

**March 20, 2024**

### Minutes

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

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

**Members Absent:** Nancy Miller

**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.

**Previous Minutes:** Motion by Fuller to accept the February 21, 2024 meeting minutes, supported by Reisbig. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Public Comment:** None.

**Director's Report & Statistics Report:** The Director's Report and the February Statistical Report 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 met in March to solidify three fundraising events: Yoga Class by instructor Kassidy Tubergen on April 23, Eleanor Roosevelt, a one-woman show, on May 11 by Kate Campbell Stevenson and a Book and Miscellaneous Items Sale during the Car Show on June 1. The ICLF has an informational page on the ICL



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website describing the Foundation’s purpose, a donation button, fundraising events and the option to join an email list to receive updates. The Foundation’s next meeting is May 2.

--*ICL Pension Waiver Application*: Parus recommended that ICL submit an application to the Michigan Department of Treasury for a waiver regarding the need for a preliminary review of an underfunded status of its MERS pension plan. Certain actions taken by the Board in July 2017, that were not correctly recorded at the time of plan closure, and subsequent previous actions taken prior to the waiver request to remedy the situation, should be taken into account during the review. **Motion** by Fuller, supported by Batista to approve sending to the Michigan Department of Treasury, a request to approve Waiver-2024, Ionia Community, MERS Employee’ Retirement System Pension Plan, Div. Number 31420170, and to authorize Director Dale Parus to submit the paperwork and further represent the ICL Board in future matters on the concern. **Roll Call Vote**: Batista-yes, Buys-yes, Fuller-yes, Reisbig-yes and Yeomans-yes. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

**New Business**: None.

**Public Comment**: None.

**Adjournment**: **Motion** to adjourn by Fuller, supported by Batista. Motion carried unanimously. President Yeomans adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is 6 PM on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Wood  
Manager of Library Operations