



Library Board Meeting

2nd Floor Admin Office

126 E. Main St.

Ionia, MI 48846

March 15, 2023

Minutes

Call to Order: President Yeomans called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

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

Members Absent: Nancy Miller

Guests: Cathy Hoppough, Keller Williams Rivertown Hoppough

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Options for the Mercantile Building: Cathy Hoppough offered ideas, garnered from her years of experience, of how the downtown building could be marketed, occupied or listed. She also suggested the board may be able to seek funding through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, if a developer was interested in the building.

Previous Minutes: **Motion** by Buys to accept the February 15, 2023 meeting minutes, supported by Batista. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: The February 2023 financial report was received and filed.

Director's Report & Statistics Report: The Director's Report and 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):* The Committee reviewed a grant through the American Library Association to benefit the Hall-Fowler home and has been submitted by Parus.



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--*Grant Committee (Yeomans, Batista & Parus)*: The Committee reviewed a Congressional Discretionary Spending Appropriations Request for the Mercantile Building, which Parus has submitted.

Continuing Business: The discussion continued on the options for the Mercantile Building, pending grants, future grant opportunities and fundraising. The Board came to a verbal consensus not to take any action on the Mercantile Building until the grants are awarded.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: Public comment was given by Linda Ciangi and Tom Walker.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Fuller, supported by Batista. Motion carried unanimously. President Yeomans adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is 6 PM Wednesday, April 19 on the 2nd floor of the ICL in the administrative office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Wood
Manager of Library Operations