



Library Board Meeting

2nd Floor Admin Office

126 E Main St

Ionia, MI 48846

August 19, 2026

Minutes

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

Members Present: Toni Ann Buys, Amy Fuller, Isaac Magley, Kyle Ondersma, Ashley Reisbig and Gale Yeomans

Members Absent: None.

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

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Yeomans to approve the agenda with the addition of the USDA Rural Development request under New Business, supported by Reisbig. Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Minutes: **Motion** by Buys to accept the June 17, 2026 meeting minutes, supported by Ondersma. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: The June and July 2026 financial reports were received and filed.

Public Comment: None.

Director's Report & Statistics Report: The Director's Report and the June, July and Summer Reading Statistical Reports were received and filed.

Election of Officers for FY 2026-27: **Motion** by Fuller, supported by Reisbig to elect the current slate of officers for FY 2026-2027: Yeomans-President, Buys-Vice President, Reisbig-Treasurer and Fuller-Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Appointments for FY 2026-2027: **Motion** by Buys, supported by Fuller to make the appointments to the following committees for FY 2026-2027:

Finance: Reisbig, Parus and Wood

Personnel: Yeomans, Buys and Parus

Policy: Ondersma, Buys, Parus and Kerr

Building and Grounds: Fuller, Reisbig and Parus

Grant: Magley, Yeomans and Parus

Motion carried unanimously.



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Committees:

--*Finance Committee*: No report.

--*Personnel Committee (Yeomans, Buys & Parus)*: The Committee completed Parus' annual review and recommended two options for an annual increase either the same increase as the union staff of 50¢ an hour or three additional vacation days per year. The same offer was made to Wood. **Motion** by Fuller, supported by Reisbig to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. Parus and Wood chose to accept the three additional vacation days per year.

--*Policy Committee (Miller, Buys, Parus & Kerr)*: No report.

--*Building and Grounds Committee (Fuller, Reisbig & Parus)*: No report.

--*Grant Committee (Yeomans, Reisbig & Parus)*: No report.

Continuing Business:

--*Ionia Community Library Foundation (ICLF)*:

- The Foundation has raised \$504,000 as of the end of July 2026.
- Raised over \$1,000 from Olivera's, Renucci's and the Wagon Wheel fundraisers. The last one will be at the Alibi on September 23.
- The Historical Society would like to feature items from the old car dealerships at the Future ICL during the 2027 Classic Car Show in June. ICLF will also be present at the event to distribute informational material, answer questions and accept donations.

--*Ionia County Library Association (ICLA) 2026*:

- The 10-year operating millage for the libraries in Ionia County passed at 60.01% on August 4.
- Parus provided election statistics for analysis and discussion.

New Business:

--*USDA Rural Development Update Request*:

- The USDA Rural Development requested an update on the progress of the grant. Parus and Buys will attend the Teams Meeting on Monday, August 24. Following the meeting Parus will provide an update to the Board.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Fuller, supported by Buys. Motion carried unanimously. President Yeomans adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is 6 PM Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Wood

Manager of Library Operations