

**Mid-Michigan Library League
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2026
Benzonia Public Library**

Call to Order: Justine Peterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05

Members Present: Mary Peterson (Group 1); Amanda McLaren (Group 2); Tracey Logan-Walker (Group 3); Diane Eisenga (Group 4); Eric Smith (Group 5); Lois Langenburg (Group 6); Valarie Church McHugh, (Group 7); Justine Peterson (Group 9)

Members Absent: Vacant Position (Group 8)

Also Present: Jennifer Balcom, director MMLL

Approval of Agenda: M/S Smith/Peterson to approve the agenda

Approval of Minutes: M/S Church/McLaren to approve the minutes. Motion passed

Public participation and communications: Tracey Logan-Walker from stated that the Advisory Council met and talked about accidentally facilities management with two library consultants giving information

Financial Report: M/S Logan-Walker, Church -McHugh to approve the financial reports for March 2026 and April 2026 McLaren – Aye, Logan-Walker – Aye, Eisenga – Aye, Smith – Aye, Langenburg – Aye, Church-McHugh – Aye, Peterson – Aye, Mary Peterson - Aye; Motion passed

Director's Report: Director Balcom talked about participating in the different initiatives shaping library services across Michigan which included Library of Michigan Board meeting, Library Advocacy Day, MLA Community Coalition Training and Conversations Worth Having leadership training.; Director Balcom mentioned the MMLL Youth Services training at Cadillac Wexford Public Library with 12 attendees participating, Director Balcom mentioned that there were 19 applications for the MMLL Mini Grant Program; M/S to approve the director's report Peterson/McLaren. Motion passed

Committee Reports: No meetings

Old Business: Website Accessibility – Director Balcom reached out to Doc Access to see if they are cheaper than current company. Audit reports will be more readable through this website. Director Balcom will have more information in the future.

MMLL Board meetings – Clarified remaining board meetings through Sept. 15

Move July board meeting to 11:00 with financial meeting at 10:00. M/S to approve the board meeting place change and time - Langenburg/McLaren

New Business: Annual meeting will be at Caberfae on September 15. Director Balcom. is currently looking for a speaker for the meeting. Talked about different options there might be for speakers.

Statewide Advocacy and Legislative Updates: Director reported on Advocacy Day – talk was made to divert penal fine money to trial court

Conservations worth having project– Director Balcom will talk more on that in the future, possible training session.

Library Cooperative transitions – two new co-op director position will be open soon as directors are retiring. Only 10 currently and six are leaving soon or are in transition. Director talked about pros and cons to bigger cooperatives and about other libraries possibly looking for a new cooperative.

MMLL Strategic Plan/Annual Goals – Director reported that they currently do not have any Strategic Plan or Annual Goals in place right now. Director would like to have something in place before next year. It was brought up that the MMLL League should have a list of what the Co-op currently offers.

Public Comment: None

Advisory Council Comments: None

Board Member Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 M/S Logan-Walker/Langenburg Motion passed