

PETOSKEY DISTRICT LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 24, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Block at 5:00 PM.

Present: Kim Block, Laura Dinon, Ann Ingles, Amy Janssens, Moira Donahoe (student) and Val Meyerson, Library Director

Absent: Trevor Nelson

Agenda: The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2026 were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Approval of Bills: Payment of the bills for February 2026 was approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report on Financial Statements: There were no comments or questions.

Reports:

- Friends of the Library - Ethel Larsen reported that the Friends recently held their Annual Meeting and have decided to revert back to an October Annual Meeting next year. There are about 180 members. The annual Cabin Fever Sale had more shoppers than usual; profits are yet to be announced. The Friends are no longer sponsoring a Friends @ the Carnegie program series since the library is providing a great deal of programming now. In response to a question, Ethel stated that the Night at the Library fundraiser will be taking place every other year.
- Comments/questions from township representatives - Garrett Muir, representing Bear Creek Township, asked if the "contracted services" with individual names listed in the paid expenses was for tutors. Val replied in the affirmative.
- Director's Report - Val had provided a written report. She added that she had met with the window refurbishing contractor at the Carnegie earlier in the day. They will be working longer than originally planned, which necessitates adjustments in the use schedule for the building. There are no applications for a teen board member for next year yet, but Moira has been contacting students, and the information was published in the parent newsletter. Kim asked about the reports

of leakage in the Connector between the Carnegie and the Crooked Tree Art Center. Val replied that the city and CTAC share responsibility for that structure. Ann asked what the specific changes to the updated Open Meetings Act are. Val will try to find out but doesn't believe there are any drastic changes.

Board Member Comments: Amy noted she was happy to see how very busy the library was this afternoon as she arrived for this meeting. Moira agreed. Amy also wished to express her gratitude for the staff who were present at the elementary school parent conferences to talk about the library and sign people up for library cards.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Teen Library Internship - Discussion. "Next Chapter" will be a pilot program for teen interns, who in the course of 6 to 8 weeks of working at a participating library during the summer would be introduced to the various types of activities needed to keep a library functioning well. The plan is to have a cohort of interns and their local sponsors from ten libraries around the state participating this summer. Val and Nisa are interested in joining this program. The cost includes paying the intern, travel/hotel for cohort meetings including the local adult sponsor, and funds for a project developed by the intern if needed. Val projects that the total cost could be \$3500 to \$4500.

*Laura moved and Kim seconded to support participating in the Next Chapter library intern program and finding a local student intern.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Ingles, Secretary