

Library Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, January 6, 2025
6:30 pm

Agenda / Minutes

Members Present:

Abby Black - *Library Director*

Margaret Wheeler - *Chairperson*

Elaine Ebeling - *Vice Chairperson*

Carol Scholten

Patti Walcott

Bradley Bartelmay

Jacoba Bouma - *Tallmadge Township Liaison*

Absent:

Karen Amisi

Ken Smit - *Library Liaison*

I. Call to order

II. Approval of the agenda

III. Approval of the previous meeting minutes (October 17, 2024)

IV. Financial report

- a. Report ~96% used in 2024
- b. FY25 Final Budget

V. Communications and correspondence

VI. Director's report

- a. Impact stories
- b. Lobby request
- c. Community bulletin board policy
- d. Serving on Lakeland Cooperative

VII. Youth Librarian's report

- a. Holly Jolly Christmas
- b. HomeSchool Resource
- c. Serving on Lakeland Cooperative
- d. Future Prep'd Program

VIII. Old Business

- a. Furniture Update: teen furniture is in, adult furniture is waiting approval
- b. Performance Reviews: completed November and December 4% inflation increase with additional % available

IX. New Business

a. Election of Officers

- Chair - Elaine Ebeling
- Vice Chair - Bradley Bartelmay
- Secretary - Patti Walcott

b. DIY Strategic Planning

- 30K-90K estimated cost in 2024
- New hire for adult programs to free up time for this; other libraries have done this quite well for themselves
- Focus groups and surveys next step to move forward; survey is the test for the accuracy of the vision statement

c. Community Board Policy – Approved as written

d. 2025 Goals & Objectives

- Early Childhood Learning
- Lifelong Learning
- Community Engagement
- Bare bones strategic plan submitted to township board

X. Public comment

XI. Adjournment

Next meeting: Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:30 PM