

Harper Woods Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
19601 Harper Woods, MI
Thursday, March 20, 2025

1. **Call to Order** by President, Eric Walton at 7:00. Present: Trustees, Mary Beth Kane, Makenna Holman; Interim Director, Sue Todd, Two guests.
Absence excused: Treasurer, Bobby D. Lewis.
2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda.** Motion to approve by Makenna Holman, seconded by Mary Beth Kane, Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes as amended from December 19 meeting by Makenna Holman, seconded by Mary Beth Kane. Motion carried.
4. **Reports**
 - A. **President's report:** Question about the impact that eliminating the Institute of Museums and Library's Services would have on the library. Todd explained that most of the funding comes from Harper Woods taxpayers. MelCat and Michigan Activity Pass could be eliminated. Write legislators telling them how this will impact library users.
 - B. **Treasurer's report:** Repairs will be made while there is money. Accepted
 - C. **Adult Services report:** February 2025 Board appreciates the work that Librarian Kent does with adult programs. Book club has increased. Accepted.
 - D. **Youth Services report:** February, 2025 Accepted. Continue praising the department for the work they do for youth and their families. Understand that teen programs will take time to get established. Question about what happens to the food (pizza) when teens don't show up. Pizza is not purchased until they know they have participants. Other food is non-perishable and saved for other programs. Happy that there is an increase in the number of families attending storytime.
 - E. **Suburban Library Cooperative Representative Report** – No Report.
 - F. **Director's report**
 1. Director Interview: Reposted the position and will hopefully get more candidates to apply for the position.
 2. Seed Library: We are moving forward with this project. Should be available in April or May. Suggestion: have planting instructions and books available to patrons. Will make sure this happens.
 3. Elevator: Mary Beth will send me an email about the elevator upgrade so I am brought up to speed on this project.
5. **New Business**
 - A. None
7. **Call to Public** – None
8. **Call to Board** – Mary Beth: Complaint about library hours. Library is antiquated with our fax and that we don't have wireless printing. Fax service was down because of a service problem. Wireless printing is expensive. We will have one night that we are open later for programming. This will start after Memorial Day. Librarian Kent will run the Rewind

program in the evening in the summer. Eric asked about the Corewell Diabetes program and how it was set up. Kidney Foundation would be willing to programming at the library. Makenna is a vaccine expert and would be willing to talk about the importance of vaccines.

9. Adjournment – Eric motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:53. Makenna supports.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Todd