



South Haven Memorial Library July 14, 2026 Minutes

Members:

Liz Smith –President

Ida Sledge – Trustee - Absent

Vacant –Vice President

Robert Booker– Trustee

Marilyn Bertorelli –Treasurer

Sandi Starland - Trustee

Marge Lampe –Secretary

Gordon Bleil- Trustee

Also Present: Elaine Fluck. Ruth Swindinger, Van Buren Conservation District; James France, Director, Absent

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by president, Smith at 7:00p.m.

Approval of minutes for meeting on June 9, 2026: Motion to approve by Bleil with correction that we discussed contingency planning and agreed to not specify an amount at this time: the 2% number proposed was withdrawn, all in favor. A copy will be sent to city council and Township Board.

Approval of agenda for July 14, 2026: Motion to approve agenda by Lampe with placing Board Officer Election to old business; motion carried.

Public Comments: Fluck notes that after discussion about Pickle ball courts in the Pavilion was rejected, perhaps the library should ask for designated parking for Library patrons. Ruth Swindinger presented an initiative to place a Vape disposal box at the library. Discussion by board determined that it needs the input of the Director so the subject will go on the August agenda.

Treasurer's report: Operations for June -**Total income:** \$30,686.74; **Total expenses:** \$49,241.72. **Vendors' bills:** \$54,589.85. Motion to pay vendor bills by Lampe, all supported. Motion carried.

Renovation Budget Report: Income for June: \$7,341.77; Total expenses: \$62,613.75

Director's Report:

- Report of monthly statistics was distributed with financial reports
- Library Book Sale is this weekend
- Summer reading program is up and running

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Board Slate of officers nominated in June for FY27

- G. Bleil – President
- M. Lampe – Vice President
- L. Smith – Secretary
- M. Bertorelli – Treasurer

Starland moved to elect slate. All voted in favor, slate elected.

New Business:

- New Member Orientation: discussion about how to best proceed yielded that the board will use the Trustee Manual provided by Library of Michigan by reviewing a chapter at home and discussing it at the next meeting. Chapter 9 will be reviewed next month.

Board Comments:

- Bleil observed that the bike racks are no longer available.
- Bleil provided a Google Sheets tracking form for the director to follow up on items noted in the annual evaluation.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Smith, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Next regular meeting: August 11, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Margery Lampe

Secretary