



August 17, 2025
Marion Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting

Attendance

<u>Board and Invited Attendees</u>	<u>Present</u> Kerry Sargent, President Melanie Rivera, Vice President Samantha Buss, Library Board Trustee Gail Stoddart, Library Board Trustee Tracy Whitney, Library Manager Margi Taber, Town Board Liaison	<u>Absent</u> Joanna Meyer, Secretary
<u>Other Attendees</u>	There were no other attendees.	

The meeting was called to order by Kerry at 6:31pm.

1. The June 17th meeting minutes were read; motion to accept minutes as written was made by Kerry, seconded by Samantha. Motion passed.
2. Financial Report: The operating statement showed a balance of \$85,782.15 as of 8/19/25.
 - a. Motion made to amend budget by moving \$500 from line 2760.5.0.0 to line 74104.5.0.201 for Friends of the Library donation by Kerry, seconded by Gail. Motion passed.
3. Approval of bills
 - a. Motion made to approve the current library bills in the amount of \$7,548.96 by Kerry, seconded by Samantha. Motion passed.
4. Manager's report
 - a. Library programs are ongoing and have included Pajama Storytimes, Toddler Storytimes, Sensory Storytime & Play, Stitch Camp, Craft & Snack, Weekly Kid Librarians, Adult Book Club, Home Alone Safety, and Adult Yoga. July 2025 statistics included a total materials circulation of 2172 and digital uses at 306.
 - b. Outreach: In partnership with MCS coordinators, the MES Books and Bites club met in the community room several times this summer. We are also making plans for the Great Give Back in support of Marion teachers by collecting donations of items from classroom supply wish lists during the month of September. We are also deeply grateful to the businesses and organizations that invest in our library patrons and help make our summer programs a success. Special thanks to: Lollipops and Polkadots, Casa Mexicana Bar & Grill, Stonehenge Market

Cafe, Lyons National Bank, Friend of the Marion Library, Newark Wegmans, Toys for Tots, and Alpco Recycling.

- c. Incident Report: A neighborhood member called police this past weekend due to concern over burn damage and defacing of the gazebo outside. Police confirmed a report was filed and Tracy is awaiting a call back.

5. Committee Reports

a. Long Range Planning

- i. There was discussion around some of the feedback from the community interviews including a desire for a more spacious layout. At this time we are not in a position to enlarge the building but some discussion around revised layouts or room usage is possible. Also potential for community sourced solutions for space usage.

b. 414

- i. Discussion regarding what Town Board members are able to discuss with regard to the 414 Referendum included feedback from an email from Ron Kirsop which advised that as long as they are clear that their thoughts are from the perspective of a Town citizen as opposed to representing thoughts of the Town Board, they are free to discuss. They are also welcome to attend any of our Board meetings which are open to the public with time and date available on our website.

6. Old Business

- a. Table at Fall Festival (October 4): Someone posing as a contact for this was found to be unrelated to the event. Kerry is reaching out to the appropriate contact to solidify the table.
- b. Building Lease has been finalized and received.

7. New Business

- a. None posed this evening.

- 8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Kerry, seconded by Samantha. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Rivera , acting secretary in Joanna's absence.

Upcoming dates:

September 15 at 6:30pm: Regular Board Meeting

October 4: Fall Festival

October 21 at 6:30pm: Regular Board Meeting