

Fruitport District Library Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Anna Dudas at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Ruth Woodward, Bill Overkamp, Nan Riekse, Anna Dudas, Alison Anderson, Teresa Folkmier, and Pat Walstra.

Also, in attendance: Matt Lubbers-Moore, Patricia Gallagher, Donna Esch, Karla Brown.

The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Karen DuPont of 2434 Vig Dr. Questioned why the board is conducting another survey and presenting new options when the previous survey showed a clear majority of the people want the library to remain in its present location. She cited additional costs involved with some of the other locations presented and emphasized that the board should be doing what the public wants.

REPORTS

Maintenance Report: Matt reported that the basement has had as much as three inches of water recently, necessitating cancelation or moving of some programs. The sump pump is only working about 25-30% of the time and can't be left running due to overheating. There is also a concern about the possibility of mold. We may therefore need to rip up the current floor and replace it. This would likely cost \$2-3,000. We will need to check to see if any of this would be covered by insurance. A motion was made by Dudas and supported by Riekse to have Serv Pro come do an inspection of the basement flooring. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Matt will contact them.

Kyle from Paquin Lawn Care and Maintenance came and trimmed around the driveway, sidewalks and bushes. He also assembled the new lockers. Matt will ask him about possibly installing a new sump pump.

Library Director Report: Matt reported that we had another good month even with the cancelation of some programs. "Steph's Steps at 18 S. 3rd Ave allowed us to use their facility for line dancing and yoga. The Director sent them a thank you. Circulation numbers were slightly decreased because they were unable to get to Calvary as often as usual. Use of Kanopy continues to grow.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Folkmier, supported by Riekse to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A bill from Paquin's totaling \$241.00 was added to the amount to be paid. Motion by Woodward, supported by Overkamp to pay bills totaling \$9,577.18. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss New Library Presentation: All preparations have been made.

Facebook Administration Changes: Alison has been working on this problem. Matt needs to follow up and submit needed information to Facebook.

Social Media Focus Position: Matt and Trustee Riekse interviewed 7 candidates (from 16 applications) and have narrowed it down to two. A motion was made by Woodward and supported by Dudas to allow Matt to make the final decision and offer the position. This person can then be introduced at our next regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Board Meeting Administration Payment Update: Trustee Riekse spoke with Lynn from Forrest Accounting. Nan will email the accounting firm the names of those board members who were present so that checks can be issued at the following meeting. She will also double check to make sure this is the best/most economical way to handle these payments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liability Insurance for New Mall Space: Per the memo submitted to the board, this will cost approximately \$760. Motion by Woodward, supported by Walstra to pay up to \$850. The grant we received will cover this, however, Matt reported that he is still working to get through all the red tape required by the Mall. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Memorial Day Parade: The theme is dinosaurs. Our goal is to be near the front of the parade. All are welcome to participate and help pass out "Smarties" and flyers with library information including the QR code needed to take our new survey.

Additional Survey Promotion: Although we missed the deadline for the Fruitport Area News, we will be passing out information at the parade. The survey will be available on Facebook, on the Library's Website and on signs at the library and at the mall.

Medici.tv : Matt introduced Medici.tv as a new option for the library to try. This program allows viewing of a variety of opera programs and costs \$850 for the year. A motion was made by Folkmier and supported by Riekse to fund this for one year and then evaluate to see if it was used enough to continue.

Audit Update: Trustee Riekse worked with Eric VanDop to complete this project. Trustee Woodward provided the necessary minutes, etc. The final report will be presented at our September meeting.

Village and Lions Club Use of Water: The Village has requested hooking up to our water in order to water the area in the old playground that they are seeding. We have not received a request from the Lions regarding use of hook up during Old Fashion Days, but assume that is coming. Since the Lions usually pay the entire water bill during that time, we will ask that they

pay the usual amount a(based on previous years) and then will bill the Village for anything above that. This motion was made by Woodward, supported by Riekse and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Fencing around septic for carnival: In an effort to prevent damage to our septic tank, Matt will walk the area with Pacquin and ask them to fence or rope off the area so that no heavy equipment can run over it.

By-Laws: Trustee Dudas provided everyone with a copy of our By-laws. She asked that we review them and be prepared to discuss and make any necessary changes at our June meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion by Woodward, seconded by Folkmier to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Woodward