

Library Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Board members present were: Ms. Trisha Baker, Ms. Pamela Clark, Mr. Michael Foust, Ms. Cecelia Hopkins, Ms. Sarah Keenan-Lechel, and Ms. Diane Kloc. Ms. Karen Butler and Ms. Maria McCarville from the Public Library were also present. Mr. Tom Brubaker, representing PFLAG Saginaw Branch, and Mr. Chris Giroux were also present.

Mr. Brubaker addressed the board on behalf of the local PFLAG chapter to recognize the partnership between the Public Libraries of Saginaw and specifically Ms. Maria McCarville. The library has assisted the chapter with books, and Ms. McCarville helps lead a monthly book club for them. He expressed thanks for her assistance and encouragement in helping to broaden education to let people achieve a greater understanding of the fight for rights of LGBTQ+ individuals/families/members of the community. He presented a certificate to Ms. McCarville for her continued assistance.

The virtual meeting with Ms. Amanda Standerfer began to review the Strategic Plan Review 2025-2028.

Ms. Standerfer gave a background on the progress of the plan. Tonight's focus is on the Vision and Mission statements and evaluation and reporting. Goals and activities will be next.

The Mission Statements that were provided to the board were:

Option 1: We connect our community to lifelong learning through programs, resources, and experiences.

Option 2: We connect our community to reading, lifelong learning, and exploration using resources and experiences.

After much discussion and consideration, the board opted for:

"We connect our community to reading and learning through programs, resources, and experiences."

The Vision Statements that were provided to the board were:

Option 1: Welcoming/empowering our community to learn, grow, and explore.

Option 2: Welcoming/empowering all to connect, learn and explore.

After much discussion and consideration, the board opted for:

"Empowering our community to connect, learn and explore."

The next meeting will focus on planning and implementation with:

Activity Plan

Evaluation Framework

Reporting

At the October meeting the plan will be complete and developed and ready for board approval.

Ms. McCarville said no firm information has come from the auditors for the meeting or a finance committee meeting prior to the board meeting yet. Ms. Clark requested that the committee be poled for a meeting date in early October.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Keenan-Lechel Secretary