

Marion Area District Library  
LIBRARY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 10th 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** By President Ted Parkhurst. A meeting was held by the Marion Area District Library Board in the conference room of the Library at 120 E. Main ST. Marion, MI 49665. Those in attendance: Ted Parkhurst, Rebecca Parke, Chris Casey and Sarah Genereaux-Maddox. Those absent were: Rose Ballew and Amy Bontekoe.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motioned* by Rebecca 2nd by Chris. Approved. All ayes  
**EXPENDITURES:** Verizon missed payment bills were explained by mail delays with our current account being ahead a month.  
*Motioned* by Rebecca 2nd by Chris. Approved. All ayes.
3. **CALL TO PUBLIC:** No persons in attendance
4. **DIRECTORS REPORT:** September/October Programming.
  - Partnership with SEEDS & MSU Extension was successful in collaboration to bring in turtles to teach area students about their environment and life cycles.
  - Movies are on going to the community
  - Jen from Houghton Lake Library came to host a genealogy workshop that brought interest for patrons to learn in depth ways to access and research their ancestry.
  - Book mobile is going well and gaining interest among the Marion HighSchool students.
  - Upcoming October events for the Library include; a Fall Concert & Trunk or Treat.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - Starlink is on delay as the router and technology portions are still in the works.
  - Readdress Redding, Winterfield, Highland & Middle Branch Township Boards with the options to join the district after the new year.. Potential to reach the communities in these townships through face to face contact and Marion High School newsletter.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - \$1400 for the 6 core legal policy models to be issued to MADL. *Motioned* by Rebecca 2nd by Chris. Approved. All ayes.
  - Sarah requested approval from the Board to cover the remaining balance and mileage of \$200 to attend the Michigan Library Association Conference on October 16th 2024. Sarah applied for and received a \$500 scholarship to cover the majority of the cost. *Motioned* by Rebecca 2nd by Chris. Approved. All ayes.
  - Quotes are being done to change the MADL outdoor sign with the potential of including the Village of Marion changing theirs. The Board advised 3 quotes be presented with the details for the Library and for the Library & Village collaboration.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Bylaws will need to be approved at the November Board Meeting. Our policy models are due to arrive by or before our next scheduled meeting and will be emailed to board members by Sarah when they arrive. These will need to be approved by the December board meeting in preparation for the new year.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Ted provided Pollingtons with a thank you letter for their support and covering the costs of a consultant in the past. The library was loaned an area map by Ron Helmboldt for the public to view in the display case.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** By Ted Parkhurst at 6:24PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Rebecca A Parke