Marine Library Association Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members Present:
Deb Yanker Black
Beth Honetschlager (via Zoom)
Liz Kelly
Jim Maher
Rebecca Otto
Eloise Powell
Christi Schmitt
Kathy Scoggin
Debra Mitts Smith
Kathy Trombly-Ferrin
Members Absent: Lynn Bjorkman, Mary Burke, Laurie Schmidt

Agenda

Welcome and Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. – Jim

Reading of Land Acknowledgement Statement – Jim

Reading of Vision Statement - Jim

Secretary's Report – Christi

Secretary's Report and motion to accept Board meeting minutes for February 2026 (attachment)

- Minutes of the February 16th, 2025 meeting
- Rebecca motioned to approve. Deb seconded.

Treasurer's Report - Kathy F.

- Review of financial statements (attachments)
- Budget
- Statement of Activity
- Statement of Financial Position
- 990 EZ Short Form
- Schedule of Contributors
- MNAG C2
- Review of 2025 tax filing and motion:
    - Authorization to file the State of Minnesota Charitable Organization Annual Report for the previous year, reflecting 2025 year-end financials

- Grant of $500 requested and received from Marine Library Association endowment held at SCVF
- Annual report submitted to Washington County (attachment) and a grant of $5,500 was approved in the consent calendar of the Washington County Commissioner meeting on March 10; grant requested March 30
- $3,200 donations in memoriam
- Will renew CD and roll over interest at 3 ½ percent
- In the past, 80% for programming and 20% for managerial for Attorney General's report.
- Liz had a question of who is paid for managerial expenses. Kathy explained it is a term for utilities and general costs of maintaining a library.
- We opted to take only ½ of what is allocated from the Jordan Bequest because we are in good financial standing.
- Motion to approve filing to Attorney General's office by Kathy S. Debra seconded. Motion approved.

New Business

- Update on St Croix Valley Foundation Grant opportunity – Rebecca
- We're waiting for the official letter once the board of the foundation approves.
- Proposal review
- The Minnesota Association of Library Friends selected the Marine Library Association to be among the inaugural recipients of our association's Minnesota Good Neighbor Grant. A $300 check will be awarded for the replenishment of Little Free Library book stock at Lilleskogen Park, particularly with in-demand children's titles. With gratitude to Loralee DiLorenzo for submitting this grant request on our behalf!
- Lynn submitted a written annual MCL report to the Washington County Board in March. This replaces what used to be a presentation in front of the Board.

Committee Reports

- **Adult Programming - Jim**
    - 60-70 in attendance for Diane Skomers and Rudi/Judy presentations.
    - Karin Winegar discussed her book on the female fascination with horses on May 7th.
    - Arrow Broken summer season from May - September at the Hall, under our auspices.
    - Rosie is starting her poetry group in the Lower Sioux and some presenters may come up to Marine to read.
    - On June 12th, Anton Treuer will be here…big event, we may have an indigenous food truck.
        - Trickster Fry Bread Truck

    - Paddle Craft Show in Burris Park- July 14th
    - **DOC NIGHT-** Ended the season with Oscar-nominated Short Docs in early March. Viewers again picked as their favorite the Doc that ultimately won the Oscar. Doc night will resume October 1st.
    - **RIVER RADIO-** Season closes on May 2nd with the Book Show. Total 12 episodes this year.
    - **ART -** Still featuring art donated by Loralee DiLorenzo. Sue Knapp's paintings are due next, but are delayed a bit with Sue's recent move. She moved to Minneapolis.
- **Beyond Land Acknowledgement -** Committee Report - Liz
    - Gathering Our Stories- Wokizu Wakpa: The River Where They Plant Manoominikeshiinh Zibi: The Ricebird River.
    - An Indigenous history of the St. Croix Valley from what is now known as Taylor's Falls to Stillwater.
    - Liz is stepping down as chair of the committee after Dr. Treuer's event. It has been an honor and educational being in this role.
    - Scandia Heritage received a grant from Minnesota Historical Society for *The Gathering of Stories*.
- **Children's Programming - Kathy S.**
    - 2025-26 MVS School programs- wrapping up the week of May 20th
    - 2025-26 Family Night/PJ Storytime wrap-up
    - Summer Storytime plans - new spot at the Marine Mill Site, 4 Thursdays in July beginning July 9th.
    - Will Sings is scheduled
    - Summer Camps from June 8th - June 19th. Pottery, Pollinators, William O'Brien, Wildlife Center, Arrow Broken Poetry, DNR
    - Will give MVS teachers a Marine Community Library bag for the end-of-the-year thank you.
- **Collections - Beth**
    - 2026 Books that have been added to our collection since the last board meeting and through April 12th.
    - 50 books are catalogued. 20 are Children's and 30 are adult books.
    - May 9th is the next committee meeting.
    - Over $1,100
    - April 29th- Beth, Sara, and Loralee are creating a process to weed out books and end circulation.
    - A film called *The Librarians* will be shown virtually.
- **Communications - Liz Kelly**
    - Request to purchase templates and reduce the timeline to 30 days
- **Finance & Fundraising –** reporting included with Treasurer's report

    - Shared Fundraising Plan (March 2026) by Lynn
- **Operations - Mary**
    - Trained in 1 new volunteer
    - Desktop is in good shape
    - Issue of keeping front door open
    - Mary swept library book pickup
    - Library World doesn't always open, strange screen shows up, needed to reboot
    - Double check the wand is working to check out books
- **Outreach - Deb**
    - Will be participating once a month at the Farmer's Market in Scandia which is held every Wednesday from 3:30- 6:30 p.m. starting in June.
    - Idea to host a book club
    - Proposal to demonstrate how to use Libby/ library catalog.
- **Strategic Planning**
    - Board survey results may be shared on June 15th.

Notes/Reminders

- Have we shared a Library "Success Story" or point of connection?
- Have all details for the upcoming 60 plus days of events been shared with Communications?

Meeting adjourned – 8:12 p.m.

Next Board Meeting – Monday, June 15th, 2026