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**MINUTES OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

<u>Members:</u>		<u>Staff:</u>
Ben Baum	Chris Ryan	Karen Klapperstuck
Lisa Chen	Bernadette Yannacci	Lynnette Fucci
Marilyn Gonyo		
Kelly Strenkowski		<u>Student Representative:</u>
		Meghana Mopidevi (virtual)
<u>Guest:</u> Allan Marain		

The meeting of the Monroe Township Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Ben Baum.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

It was noted that this meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20 MEETING

The minutes from the April 21, 2026 meeting of the Library Board of Trustees were presented. *Marilyn Gonyo moved to approve the April minutes as presented, and the motion was seconded by Bernadette Yannacci. The motion carried with all members in favor.*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REMOTE PICK-UP LOCKERS

The lockers at the Community Center are scheduled for delivery and installation on May 28. Concrete repairs at the Senior Center have been completed and delivery at that location is anticipated during the first or second week of June. Wrap designs for both units are currently being developed. It is hoped that the service will be fully launched early this summer with a formal kick-off.

SOLAR CARPORTS

The Library portion of the solar carport project is scheduled to begin following the final Farmers Market on September 10, although some site work may commence beforehand. The Library has been assured that no work will take place on Thursdays and that the project will not interfere with this year's Farmers Market season. Greg Slavicek, Director of DPW, advised that the Library will likely need to close for one full day during the electrical phase of the project, as

power to the building will need to be shut off. While a specific timeframe has not yet been determined, approximately two weeks' notice is expected so the public can be informed of the planned closure.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ACTIVE THREAT & FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

The May 1 Active Threat and Fire Extinguisher Training was successfully completed and well received by staff. Work also continues on the Library's Emergency Action Plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Department Heads will meet during the week of the Board meeting to review the Library's 2022–2025 Strategic Plan. While this update will not be as extensive as the previous strategic planning process conducted with a consulting firm, it will provide an opportunity to reflect on the Library's progress and ensure the plan continues to support the Library's future direction and goals.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Karen presented the finance report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Exhibits Committee met to finalize the 2027 and 2028 schedules for the gallery and display case exhibits.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

Marilyn reported that the Mayor's only comment was "Have a great holiday weekend!"

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Marilyn reported that the Friends of the Library approved an RFP for Youth Services for summer programming. In addition, the Friends hosted an Indo-American event earlier in May and held their most successful book sale to date, raising just under \$6,000. The Friends Scholarship winners will be announced at the next meeting.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Library Foundation will host its golf outing on Monday, June 8 at Greenbriar Golf Club at Whittingham.

MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

No report submitted.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

From May 3 through May 15, many students participated in AP testing. Junior Prom took place on May 15, 2026.

Meghana reported that she will be hosting an event at the Library on May 30 focused on creating an engaging and educational healthcare experience for younger children through HOSA, a club at the high school. The event is also intended to encourage community involvement and youth leadership. Overall, May reflected continued student engagement, academic support, and collaboration between the Library and local students. Meghana expressed interest in continuing to expand student participation and strengthen community outreach efforts through future events and initiatives.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION BILLS

Bernadette Yannacci moved to approve the payment of bills numbered 19721-19765 in the amount of \$489,527.15. Kelly Strenkowski seconded. All were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Monroe Township Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Lisa Chen moved to adjourn the meeting. Bernadette seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnette Fucci