

WHITE CLOUD COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
May 21, 2026
MINUTES

Call to Order

The White Cloud Community Library Board of Director's Meeting held on the above date was called to order at 1:02 PM

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Judy Maike, Linda Trapp, Pat Ebenstein, Kathy Broome, Keri Collins, Pamela Chaffee, Mark Huff

Board Members Absent: Sue Redding

Also Present: Amy Stockwell, Director; Ron Phillips, Assistant Director

2. Agenda: Approval of agenda for the board meeting held on May 21, 2026 as amended.

Motion: Kathy Broome Seconded: Pat Ebenstein

Vote: Yes-All

Minutes: Approval of minutes from the board meeting held on April 16, 2026 as written.

Motion: Mark Huff Seconded: Kathy Broome

Vote: Yes- All

Financial Reports: At about 84% for revenue and 60% for expenditures. Endowment funds have been received. Summer reading program performers are beginning to have checks wrote out. Rocket Enterprise is the flag service.

Motion to accept financial documents as written:

Motion: Pat Ebenstein Seconded: Linda Trapp

Vote: Yes- All

Librarian's Report- Statistics are on the handout. We may stop reporting website visits, as they are magnitudes higher than they were last year, leading us to believe there is some issue with the tracking. Big L still hasn't gotten us an architectural print. We are weeks behind now and will not be able to stick to the original timeline. If they do not get us the print by Tuesday, we may go through a different company. The new wifi extender

is installed and is working. It will easily cover the whole pavilion. The parking lot expansion is looking like a go. We are waiting on some paperwork from the county. A poured cement wall would be about \$17,000. The road commission will help us create a bid packet to send to contractors for the parking lot replacement. The wall would have to happen prior to the paving. The wall bid includes all labor for removing the old wall, hauling out dirt, pouring the new wall and more. Most of the wall's cost is the cement itself. The Oral History Kit has been assembled thanks to the LSTA grant. Funding for the LSTA Grant is provided in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan. The check from Gerber for the Maker Space has arrived and we will begin ordering soon. We have new meeting room chairs; they were ones that had belonged to the City of Newaygo. The Goodwill Project wants to partner with us on the pavilion for improvements. We sent 5-6 pages of different possible upgrades that they would be able to put their name on. We are looking forward to hearing back from them. Our L4029 has arrived. Our millage has rolled back at a much higher rate than any other library in the county.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Budget Review 2026/2027:** Yellow packet. Most items are similar to this current fiscal year. Wages were discussed at March meeting and this proposed budget reflects that amount. Budget hearing notice will be going into the FTI. **Motion to send this budget to the Budget hearing on June 18th.**

Motion: Mark Huff Seconded: Linda Trapp
Vote: Yes- All No- Abstained- Sue Redding

Summer Mailing – We received another quote for the summer mailing list. Through option 1, the quote was about \$3,200. Amy got in contact with Option 2, who does the School paper. They quoted us at around \$1,900 for an 8 page “newspaper”. It would come out to about \$.50 Per mailbox. **Motion to work with option 2 to send out summer newsletter.**

Motion: Pamela Chaffee Seconded: Kathy Broome
Vote: Yes- All

2.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Grants:** We were made aware of a renewable energy grant that we may apply to try and get solar on the pavilion.

2. **Building:** Carpet cleaning will probably be done this summer, so there may be a larger check to them coming up. The floor in the staff area may need to be buffed again soon. Summer lunches are taking up space everywhere we can fit them. We are looking at about 80 boxes of lunches before we start distributing. Lunches must be in a staff area at least 6 inches off the floor.
3. **Longevity:** - Pam hit 25 years in February, Amy will hit 25 in November, Ron at 8 in June, Angie at 9 in May and Lynette will get her first in August. This will be forwarded to the Personnel Committee to review. Possible forms of recognition included pins, one-time bonuses, sweets, and days off.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: Linda and Pam have been reappointed. Mark Huff will be moving this Summer. Kathy pointed out that the study room isn't fully soundproof. There is a white noise machine, but most users don't run it. We will put up a sign to let people know when it is available.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 1:45PM:

Motion: Pam

Seconded: Judy

Vote: Yes- All

No- Abstained- Absent- Sue Redding

Respectfully submitted

Ronald Phillips