



**Minutes of the Meeting
Flint Public Library
Board of Trustees
Monday, April 14, 2025**

NOTE: This meeting was hybrid; it was held both in-person and via Zoom. Meeting minutes are on the Library and Town websites.

Board of Trustees Present: Mark Moreschi, Chair; Susan Piccole, Vice Chair/Secretary; and Kosta Prentakis, Maria Paikos-Hantzis and Allison Sloan

Others Present In-person: Loretta Swift Johnson, Library Director and Annie Wilton

A. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Moreschi called the Library Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 7:01pm.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from February 10, 2025:

- **Mr. Prentakis motioned to accept the minutes from February 10, 2025 as presented. Ms. Piccole seconded the motion, all were in favor.**

Minutes from March 10, 2025:

- **Ms. Sloan motioned to accept the minutes from March 10, 2025 as presented. Mr. Prentakis seconded the motion, all were in favor.**

C. FRIENDS OF THE FLINT (Annie Wilton, Liaison):

- Ms. Wilton stated that the total annual campaign funds raised from January through March are \$10,705. In addition, the Friends has received \$17,200 in grants
- Ms. Wilton stated that there has been a 36% increase of new donors due to more community outreach, specifically with the 55+ communities.
- Ms. Wilton stated that the Friends will be present at the Town's Earth Day Festival on Sunday, May 4th.
- Ms. Wilton stated that the Friends Committee voted not to host a table at this year's Town Meeting.

D. TRUSTEES' REPORT:

1. Updates on High School Scholarship:

- Mr. Moreschi stated that he has not yet had the opportunity to meet with the Essex Tech scholarship recipient to present the \$1,000 award. Mr. Prentakis suggested getting a bank check or money order before proceeding to close the bank account.

2. Updates on Fire Station

- Mr. Moreschi stated that he attended the Town forum on behalf of the Board to share ideas regarding potential reuse of the Fire Station. The lot will remain in Town ownership and the engineer's assessment will determine the feasibility of preserving the garage space beneath, which provides structural support for the hillside and houses the emergency generator.
- Mr. Moreschi stated that Massachusetts Library Trustees Association (MLTA) discussion will be postponed until the next meeting.

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. FY2025 Circulation Updates:

- Ms. Swift Johnson requested that discussion of the circulation updates be postponed until the next meeting due to an error in the digital usage reporting.

2. FY2025 Budget Updates:

- Ms. Swift Johnson reported that the part-time Bibliotemps will remain in their positions through May 1st, and the full-time Bibliotemp, Ashur, will continue through June 1st.
- Ms. Swift Johnson stated that payroll balances from December through March will be updated and presented at the next meeting.
- Ms. Swift Johnson reported that there was a contractual overpayment of \$4,640 to ENE earlier in the fiscal year. A reimbursement check will be issued to the Library.

3. Staffing and Training Updates:

- Ms. Swift Johnson stated that applications for the Assistant Director position are still being accepted, and interviews are scheduled to begin during the last week of April.

4. Building Updates:

- Ms. Swift Johnson noted that the Library lighting issues remain ongoing and that efforts to resolve the problem are still in progress.
- Ms. Swift Johnson reported that a plumbing blockage issue occurred but was promptly resolved by Jay's Septic.
- Ms. Swift Johnson reported that the heater valves in the Story Hour Room have been replaced to address the heating issue.
- Ms. Swift Johnson also noted that the heating system draws in outside air, making it inefficient during extremely cold weather. In the future, a more energy-efficient alternative system may be considered.

5. Library Programs and Services Updates:

- The Board reviewed the program statistics from December through March. Ms. Swift Johnson noted that several programs were canceled due to staff illnesses and Library closures.
- Mr. Prentakis suggested that the Library consider offering a financial literacy program targeted toward young adults.
- The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 20th (Easter), and Monday, April 21st (Patriot's Day).
- The Library will have a tent at the Earth Day Festival on Sunday, May 4th from 1:00 to 3:00pm at Rubchinuk Park.
- The Library will be closed on Sunday, May 11th for Mother's Day.

F. NEXT MEETING:

- The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:00pm.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Ms. Piccole motioned to adjourn. Ms. Sloan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Stefanie McKanas, Recording Secretary