

Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative
Board Meeting
October 23rd, 2025, New Buffalo Township Library

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:06pm by President Buck.

2. Roll Call by Secretary

3. *Present:*

Coloma – Mary Harrison

Kalamazoo – Elissa Zimmer

New Buffalo – Julie Grynowich

Otsego – Andrea Estelle

Portage DL – Rachael Wiegmann

Richland CL – Jack Buck

Three Oaks – Cheryl Kersey

Vicksburg – Eric Hansen

Watervliet – Katie Burtchett

Absent:

South Haven Memorial – Jim
France

Also Present:

Niles – Tim Wiggins

Paw Paw – Gretchen Evans

3. Approval of Agenda – Harrison moved to approve the agenda, Hansen seconded, motion carried.

4. Public Comment – None.

5. Approval of April 2025 Board Meeting Minutes – Harrison moved to approve the April 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, Wiegmann seconded, motion carried.

6. Communications – None.

7. Present's Report – President Buck asked that we encourage staff to participate on our SMLC committees (Continuing Ed, Youth Services, Adult Programming, Tech) and that they are a good look into the coop, what it does, and how it can benefit all staff.

8. Treasurer's Report – Hansen moved to approve the bills & accept the financial report, Burtchett seconded, motion carried.

9. Director's Report

a. Banking updates – set up credit card to autopay the balance each month.

b. Met with SMLC CE and new directors groups – planning for 2026 underway.

c. Met with LCM on 10/17. Was not able to attend LCM Retreat this year.

d. Attenda MLA on Thursday 10/30. SMLC and ODL split the cost.

e. FOIA contact – used new FOIA policy. Estelle and Wiggins need to make sure that the policy is on the website, along with documents.

10. Unfinished Business – None.

11. New Business

a. ALA publications for member libraries are a go.

12. Adjournment – President Buck adjourned the meeting at 2:22pm.

Next Board Meeting: March 26th at Otsego District Library