Rauchholz Memorial Library Board Meeting
October 5, 2026 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Samantha McKenzie	Pamela Perry
	Sharon King	James Murphy
	Carl Bruse	Diane Raths

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

ALSO PRESENT: BillieJo Bluemer, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Rauchholz Memorial Library Board was called to order by President S. King at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: P. Perry moved to approve the agenda (following the addition of two items of New Business, audit and Pure Flix Streaming). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. McKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8th, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

BILLS AND EXPENDITURES: Bills were reviewed for September, 2026. B. Bluemer noted that Carol now has a copy of the RML Handbook. P. Perry made a motion to pay the September bills. A roll call vote was taken: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; C. Bruse, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW (FINANCIALS): After reviewing the financials for September, S. McKenzie moved that the Board approve them. A roll call vote was taken: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; C. Bruse, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: B. Bluemer gave her director's report (see attached), and recommended that the Board consider a second streaming service, Pure Flix. The Kanopy service use has increased substantially over two years. Discussion ensued.

COMMUNICATIONS: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Renovations: B. Bluemer shared the contract from Three Rivers to move forward with schematic design and finalizing design plan, including the addition of two new furnaces. J. Murphy moved to authorize B. Bluemer to sign and a roll call vote was taken: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; C. Bruse, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes. Motion carried.

B. Bluemer then shared the proposed contract with Library Design Company for new shelving and

furnishing, which the Board discussed. S. McKenzie then made a motion that the Board authorize B. Bluemer to sign the contract with Library Design. A roll call vote was taken: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; C. Bruse, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes. Motion carried.

Fremont Contract: March 31, 2027 being the final date of use for Fremont Township residents under the current contract, the Board reviewed options. B. Bluemer pointed out that 10 new Fremont Township residents had recently signed up to use the Rauchholz Memorial Library. In order to allow more time for a response to the Rauchholz Memorial Library Board's letter, P. Perry moved to table the Fremont Township discussion until the November meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ad-hoc Salary Committee--Appoint: B. Bluemer explained required Michigan changes to wages. D. Raths, S. McKenzie and J. Murphy will compose the Salary Committee; a meeting date and time were chosen.

Ad-hoc Non-Resident Fees Committee: S. King, P. Perry and J. Murphy will serve on this committee; details for working together were decided and shared.

Fiscal Agreement with Richland Township: After an adjustment to the description of the agreement with the Richland Township Board and after according B. Bluemer the permission to use legal services (if necessary), the Board had no further questions. S. McKenzie moved that the Board approve the Richland Township five-year agreement. A roll call vote ensued: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; C. Bruse, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes. Motion carried.

Health Insurance: B. Bluemer informed the Board of changes to employee health insurance. P. Perry moved to approve the 2027 health insurance renewal with a 5.8% increase. A roll call vote was taken: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; C. Bruse, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes. Motion carried.

Audit: P. Perry moved to accept the audit for fiscal year 2025-2026. A roll call vote was taken: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; C. Bruse, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes. Motion carried.

Pure Flix: The Board having already discussed this service, P. Perry made a motion to try Pure Flix for one year. A roll call vote was taken: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; C. Bruse, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

ADJOURNMENT: S. McKenzie made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, James Murphy, Secretary