



**Ellsworth
Public Library**

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Minutes of the Meeting
of the Ellsworth Public Library Board of Trustees
May 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM

ATTENDEES

Trustees: Craig MacDonald (chair), Rain Perez, Vivek Philip, Judi Lyles; Library director: Sarah Lesko; Guest: Marinna Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda:

- Meeting Minutes March 18, 2026
- Financial Reports and Planning
- Building and Grounds Report
- Director's Report

A motion was made by Kathleen and seconded by Rain to approve the consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

We were joined on Zoom by Lynn Hemple from Gary Friedman's office to answer questions about the Capitol Campaign and the feasibility study. Lynn reviewed the timeline and where we are headed. We are currently in Phase 1 and for this to be successful we need to receive 3 million dollars from the Congressional spending, 2 million from the City and raise 1 million in the community. We are currently in the process of printing our Spring Appeal working and tweaking our internal list. We are simultaneously working on putting together a working volunteer fundraising committee of 8-12 community members led by two co-chairs. Our role as Trustees is to act as a sounding board for the committee, solicit where it makes sense, making introductions and helping at events.

NEW BUSINESS

The flashing walk sign is now operational making crossing the street from City Hall to the Library safer.

We are still awaiting a decision from the Congressional Spending Office before we put the renovation out for BID. Sarah is working with Charlie and Micheal on this.

June election is fast approaching, and the library has made bookmarks reminders to alert patrons on the importance of voting "yes" to increase the size of the Board. Berit has also been keeping everyone posted via our social media posts.

Currently our AC is not working. We may need to purchase a \$600.00 unit to tide us over. Edmund will keep us in the loop.

Executive session per MRSA Title 1, Chapter13, Sec 406, Paragraph 6A to discuss employment matters

Entered 7:17 P.M. exit 7:28 P.M.

DECISIONS, Action Items and Next Steps

ADJOURNMENT 7:45 pm Next meeting is June 16,2026

Respectively submitted,

Kathleen Cravens

Secretary