

Minutes of the Starke County Public  
Library System's Board Meeting  
April 14, 2026

**Members Present:**

Kim Gingher, Ruth Bailey, Steve Dodge, Susan Lucas, Rebecca Despot

**Non – Members Present:**

Kathleen Bowman – Director; Kathryn Lynch HR/Business Office Coordinator

- I. **Call to order** –Kim Gingher called the meeting to order at 4:17P.M.
- II. **Public Comment:** No Public Comment
- III. **Amendment/Acceptance of Proposed Agenda**  
**Steve Dodge** made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. **Susan Lucas** seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Steve Dodge** made the motion to accept the **March 10, 2026, Regular board meeting minutes** as presented. **Susan Lucas** seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Approval of claims for March 2026**  
**Susan Lucas** made the motion to approve the **Allowance of Accounts Payable Voucher in the amount of \$193,553.45**. **Steve Dodge** seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Financial Reports were given by Director Bowman.**
  - A. Depository and Cash Reconciliation  
Director Bowman discussed the depository and cash reconcilements for Key Bank and 1<sup>st</sup> Source bank for the month of March 2026.
  - B. Fund Report  
Director Bowman informed the board how the fund report balance should always match the depository and cash reconciliation balances.
  - C. Appropriation Report  
Director Bowman informed the board we are on track with spending.

D. Revenue Report

Director Bowman informed the board there was nothing out of the normal in the revenue report for the month of March 2026.

**VII. Director's Report**

The Director's Report was given by Director Bowman. Information pertaining to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, ongoing programming, and upcoming closures was given.

**VIII. Monthly Statistical Report**

The March 2026 Monthly Statistical report was given by Director Bowman.

**IX. Personnel Actions**

**Rebecca Despot** made the motion to accept the Personnel Actions as presented. **Steve Dodge** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**X. New Business**

**A. Board By-Laws Review**

**Steve Dodge** made the motion to accept the SCPLS Board By-Laws as presented. **Rebecca Despot** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**B. Boiler Quotes**

**Steve Dodge** made the motion to accept Dynamic Mechanical's proposal for the Boiler Replacement in the amount of \$28,677.00. **Susan Lucas** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**C. TrustIN Discussion**

**Steve Dodge** made the motion to use TrustIN for the Rainy-Day Fund. **Rebecca Despot** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Any additional business to come before the board**

Director Bowman and the Board discussed the possibility of re-starting the Friends of the Library; the pros and cons of what a Friends Group could do for the Library, after a patron approached Director Bowman with a funding opportunity for the Friends of the Library. We will see if we can get enough support for a Friends of the Library group and go from there.

**XII. Adjournment**

**Ruth Bailey** made the motion to adjourn the **April 14, 2026** regular board meeting. **Steve Dodge** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Time 5:04 P.M.