

**Board of Finance Annual Meeting of the
Starke County Public Library System Board of Trustees
January 13, 2026**

Members in Attendance:

Kim Gingher, Ruth Bailey, Susan Lucas, Steve Dodge, Heather Quinn, Rebecca Despot, Jo Anne Bailey

Non-Members in Attendance: Kathleen Bowman, Director and Kathryn Lynch, Business Office Coordinator

I. Call to order

Kim Gingher called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

II. Amendment/Acceptance of proposed agenda

Steve Dodge made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. **JoAnne Bailey** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment: No Public Comment

IV. Election of 2026 of President, Vice- President, Secretary, and Treasurer

Heather Quinn made the motion to elect the same slate of officers as elected for the Starke County Public Library Board of Trustees. **Steve Dodge** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. Establish newspaper for Official Publications

Susan Lucas made the motion to retain **The Leader** as our newspaper for legal publications. **JoAnne Bailey** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. Establish Legal Counsel

Steve Dodge made the motion to retain Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones LLP at SCPLS' Legal Counsel. **JoAnne Bailey** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. Bank accounts and bank fees

Steve Dodge made the motion to retain **1st Source Bank** and **KeyBank** for the Starke County Public Library Systems. **JoAnne Bailey** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The Library paid \$638.18 in Direct Deposit fees from 1st Source Bank in 2025.

VIII. Investment Policy

Steve Dodge made the motion to accept the Investment Policy as presented. **JoAnne Bailey** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. Report on 2025 Investments

A. Discussion pertaining the 2025 investments

Steve Dodge made the motion to accept the 2025 Investments Report on the Money Market. **JoAnne Bailey** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The Money Market gained \$151.11 on our investment.

X. Resolution to pay bills without prior approval

Susan Lucas made the motion to accept the **Resolution to Pay Bills without Prior Approval** as presented. **Steve Dodge** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. Cancellation of any outstanding checks

Steve Dodge made the motion to accept the **Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants Report**, with one check to being cancelled from **2023**. **Rebecca Despot** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

I. Establishment of the yearly meeting for 2027

Steve Dodge made the motion to keep the current day, time, and location for the Board of Finance meeting of Starke County Public Library System, on the second Tuesday of January following the regular board meeting for 2027, at the SCPLS Henry F. Schricker Branch. **JoAnne Bailey** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. Adjournment

Ruth Bailey made the motion to adjourn the annual meeting of the Board of Finance of Starke County Public Library System. **Steve Dodge** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Time: 5:13 P.M.