

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call to Order and Roll

A regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public Library board took place June 25, 2026 at the Central Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Bob Allen, board president. Present were trustees Bob Allen, Sandy Ambrozy, Greg Bowens, Megan Conrad, Susan Larsen and Tom Peck. Marina Houghton was excused. Library Director Jessica Keyser was present.

C. Approval of Agenda

Megan Conrad moved to approve the agenda and Susan Larsen supported. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.

D. Approval of Consent Agenda

Greg Bowens moved to approve the consent agenda and Megan Conrad supported. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.

a. May 2026 Minutes

b. May 2026 Financials

c. May 2026 Credit Card

E. Presentation GPPL Foundation

Paige Domzalski said the Foundation has raised \$28,000 in sponsorships for Books and Bubbles with time remaining to reach the budgeted figure of \$56,000. The annual appeal has raised \$194,991 which is well over the budgeted \$72,000. The Foundation gave an annual gift to the Library of \$106,500.

F. Presentation GPPL Friends

Tracy Magee shared that the Friends spend summer on normal operations and regrouping for the fall. The Friends are exploring new software for memberships. The Silent Book Club summer passport program is very popular.

G. Library Director's Report and Statistics

Commemorating America 250 with Justice in Motion, Keep Our Republic, and Democracy Rising Collaborative

Join judges, justices, and community members for inspiring and informative conversations exploring the liberties that have shaped our nation. A large tour bus will be parked outside the Central library on July 10th from 11:30-1 PM and we will be joined by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Megan Cavanagh, former US District Judge Victoria Roberts, and Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Chris Trebilcock. This is a nonpartisan, multi-state bus tour taking place this July across Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan. The tour is focused on civic education, democratic values, and public engagement surrounding America's 250th birthday celebration.

Summer Reading

Summer Reading 2026 is underway! Here is the status as of June 22, 2026:

Adult Summer Reading 348

Unearth a Story - Kids 1088

Unearth a Story - Teens 187

Collectively, kids and teens have read more than 10,500 days since June 1. This is significant

because studies consistently show that reading over the summer break sustains and improves a student's reading skills. Our program encourages students to read for pleasure by rewarding them for reading and empowering them to choose their own reading materials. They win fabulous prizes and free books along the way! Thanks to the Friends of the Library for supporting summer reading!

Michigan Legal Help Legal First Aid Certification

We now have librarians from all three branches certified in Legal First Aid. Congratulations to Priscilla Burns, Rachel Charette, Stephanie Fazekas, Kathleen Gallagher, Mary Lynn Martin, Jeffrey Mauer, Christine Mueller, Michelle Orzel, and Lexi Smith for taking the time to complete this full day of training. These librarians are equipped with a thorough knowledge of the free legal information resources available to assist patrons with various civil legal matters. Thank you to library trustee Sandy Ambrozy for bringing this opportunity to our attention!

Grosse Pointe South Parking Lot Construction

The Grosse Pointe South parking lot adjacent to the softball field where our Central employees normally park is being resurfaced this summer. Construction began almost immediately after the school year ended. Our staff has been able to park in the lot on Fisher for the duration of the construction. This is part of the school's bond-funded capital improvements.

Grosse Pointe Grows Spring 2026 Seed Library Stats

The Grosse Pointe Grows seed library continues to be a popular resource for the community. The program has evolved over the years as we continue to consider feedback and make adjustments as needed. Vegetable Seeds are available from March 2nd - May 30th. Flower and Herb Seeds are available from April 1st - May 30th. This year, 853 people participated in the Seed Library, checking out a total of 13,414 packets. Seeds must be picked up at the Ewald branch. The purpose of the Seed Library is to:

- Encourage our community to dig in and garden
- Reconnect our community to the tradition of growing nutritious and delicious food
- Learn about growing and saving seeds
- Adapt heirloom varieties to our environment
- Engage with both experienced and novice gardeners

Every effort has been made to ensure that seeds in the Seed Library are open-pollinated, non-GMO, heirloom, native, non-invasive, and easy to grow. We prioritize clean, mature, open-pollinated, and non-invasive seeds sourced from reputable and well-known origins. Thank you to Eydie Johnson and Kris Moy at the Ewald branch for leading this program!

H. Action Item

a. Approval of 2025 Budget Amendment

Megan Conrad moved to approve the 2025-26 budget amendment and Tom Peck supported. The motion was passed with a roll call vote of 6-0.

b. Approval of 2026-27 Budget

Megan Conrad moved to approve the 2026-27 budget and Susan Larsen supported. The motion was passed with a roll call vote of 6-0.

c. Approval of 2026-29 Millage Rate

Megan Conrad moved to approve the 2026-27 millage rate and Greg Bowens supported. The motion was passed with a roll call vote of 6-0.

d. Approval of the Lighthouse Insurance Proposal

Megan Conrad moved to approve the Lighthouse Insurance proposal and Tom Peck supported. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.

e. Approval of 2026-27 GPPL Board Meeting Dates

Greg Bowens moved to approve the 2026-27 board meeting dates and Megan Conrad supported. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.

f. Approval of Medical Benefits 80/20

Megan Conrad moved to approve the 80/20 rules for medical benefits and Susan Larsen supported. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.

g. Approval of Adoption of the Strategic Plan

Megan Conrad moved to adopt the strategic plan and Greg Bowens supported. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.

h. Approval of the Millage Resolution Ballot Language

Susan Larsen moved to table the motion while awaiting an answer from the attorney on language and Megan Conrad supported. Megan Conrad moved to approve the millage resolution ballot language as amended and Bob Allen supported. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0.

i. Resolution for Megan Conrad Sczygielski

Greg Bowens moved to approve the resolution for Megan Conrad Sczygielski and Bob Allen supported. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.

I. Information and Discussion

None

J. Old Business

None

a. Board Officer Nominations

Megan Conrad nominated Bob Allen for board president and Sandra Ambrozy supported. Susan Larsen nominated Tom Peck for vice president and Greg Bowens supported. Bob Allen nominated Marina Houghton for treasurer and Susan Larsen supported. Greg Bowens nominated Susan Larsen for secretary and Bob Allen supported.

b. Committee Assignments

Bob Allen requested the board advise him of their desired committee assignments. There may be some changes as new board members are appointed by Grosse Pointe Shores and the City of Grosse Pointe.

K. New Business

Greg Bowens suggested the Foundation add Megan to the donor wall in honor of her service to the board. Paige Domzalski approved the suggestion.

L. Public Comments

A representative from CARE of SE MI introduced herself to the board and offered substance use prevention programs for kids in partnership with the Library. Jessica Keyser advised her to use the 'Suggest a Program' form on the website.

M. Trustee Comments

Megan Conrad thanked everyone for the resolution. Megan said she's enjoyed serving on the board and the position gave her the opportunity to interact with people she wouldn't have otherwise met. The City has appointed Tyler Shaw as their new representative and she seems like a great choice. Megan also reported a friend recently told her about a great library interaction between a patron filing for unemployment benefits and the librarian who assisted. Susan Larsen noted that Megan has filled the roles of Secretary, Vice President and President while on the board. Susan said she enjoyed working with Megan and remarked Megan has made a great contribution to the Library.

Sandy Ambrozy added that Megan modeled what a good board member is.

Bob Allen said Sandy Ambrozy brings a texture to board service that is welcome and essential. Sandy brings positive insights to the board and added the Library is smarter due to her initiatives. He added that Megan and Sandy will now fill their most important role-library patrons.

N. Motion to Enter Closed Session for Director Review by a Roll Call Vote

Megan Conrad moved to enter closed session for director review and Susan Larsen supported. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0.

O. Adjourn Closed Session and Return to Meeting

Susan Larsen moved to adjourn the closed session and return to the regular meeting and Megan Conrad supported. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0.

P. Approval of Library Director's 2026 Salary

Susan Larsen moved to approve a 4% raise for the director and Sandy Ambrozy supported. Greg Bowens moved to approve a 5% raise for the director and Megan Conrad supported. The motion for a 5% raise was passed by a vote of 6-0.

Q. Next Regular Board Meeting

July 23, 2026 Central Library

R. Adjourn

Susan Larsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and Tom Peck supported. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

