

**PINCKNEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY HYBRID BOARD MEETING**  
**MAY 21, 2026**  
**9:30 AM**  
**HYBRID REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER @ 9:31 AM**

Present: Shelly Wagnitz, Vice-President; Patti Nicholson, Secretary; Kate Robertson, Treasurer; Judy Wismont, Trustee; Hope Siasoco, Director; Liam Castle, Staff Member: and Jennifer Brennan, Note Taker.

Sara Castle, Youth Librarian/Assistant Director

Emily Cogswell, Deputy Clerk of Putnam Township

Michelle Lewis, Plante Moran

Guest: Beth DuRoss, Katie Beemer

ABSENT: Kate Pratt, Board President

President's Announcement regarding Public Comment Section

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

Note: Public Comment for this hybrid meeting is made available in advance of the meeting through this publicly available Google Document: <https://forms.gle/JbZBfHEmfhJqgp8R7> or email: [hsiasoco@pinckneylibrary.org](mailto:hsiasoco@pinckneylibrary.org) or during the time of the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

 **CORRECTION/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**Agenda Spelling Corrections:**

**New Business:** *business*; **Friends Group Report:** *Library*; **NEW AND ONGOING BOARD ISSUES:**

*Pinckney*; **APRIL Minutes:** *Kate Robertson's name needs to be corrected*;

 **READING OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 16, 2026 HYBRID BOARD MEETING**

 **PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**


- May 2026 Bills for Review
- Patti Nicholson made a motion to accept the consent agenda as amended and Judy Wismont seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

**SPECIAL ISSUES**

- Kate Pratt (1947 - 2026) - guest: Beth DuRoss, Kate daughter
- A discussion followed
  - The Library Board will retire Kate's name plate
  - Beth DuRoss shared that her Mom loved the library. It was her second home.
  - Kate Robertson shared that Kate Pratt did a lot for the library and this community. And she learned a lot from her. She was a spit fire!
  - Hope Siasoco shared that Kate Pratt was the longest active board member. She was also actively involved in with PCPL even before officially becoming a board member.
  - She will be missed.
  - Hope Siasoco suggested that the Library Board make a formal resolution. The Board agreed. The resolution will be presented in a future meeting.
- 2025 Library Audit - guest: Michelle Lewis, Plante Moran
  - The audit was done by Campbell Auditing on Saturday, May 2, 2026
  - The audit went exactly as expected
  - Shelly Wagnitz made a motion that the PFM Financial Advisors, LLC's draft of the Library's Qualifying and Disclosure Statements be submitted to the State of Michigan and Kate Robertson seconded. All approved and the motion passed. Nicole Weddington from PFM Financial Advisors, LLC will file with the State of Michigan on May 21, 2026

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Financial Reports:**

-  Accountant's Report- Reviewed and on file
- General Ledger Reports for General Fund and Debt Fund - April 2026
  - Journal Report for General Fund and Debt - April 2026
  - Kate Robertson, Treasurer, asked if the Board is happy with the new system
  - The response was overwhelmingly positive. The board appreciates the specificity of the new reporting from Plante Moran

- Michelle Lewis, Plante Moran, is willing to make changes, if necessary
- Business Operations Assistant, Stephanie Hall, has been of great help, having the library do this work in-house
- Plante Moran will no longer attend the monthly board meetings unless a problem arises
- ✚ Treasurer's Report- Reviewed and on file
- Millage and penal fine income done for the year
- Donations of Note
  - Vali R. Helppie - \$150 donation in memory of retired Pinckney Community High School English & Language Arts teacher, Charlotte Jones
  - Pinckney High School Language Arts Colleagues -- \$350 donation in memory of former Language Arts teachers: Charlotte Jones, Pat Tessmer, and Nancy Brehm
    - Donor will be memorialized on the library's donor wall
  - Friends of the Pinckney Library -- \$430 for 2026 Adult Summer Reading Program Prizes

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- REPORT: 2026 Community Shredding Event - May 9, 2026 from 10am - 2pm (Shred-It Company)
  - Very well attended this year
  - \$1,368.00 received in free-will donations that day
  - Informal survey found that patrons learned about this event via Postcard, Facebook & Putnam Township Newsletter. Some heard it from word-of-mouth
  - A line was formed before the start time of 10am
  - This event was a result of Kate Pratt's hard work
  - Considering scheduling for next year. Judy Wismont will call and acquire a date
  - Judy Wismont made a motion to host the Community Shredding Event on the second weekend in May – Saturday, May 8, 2027 from 10am -2pm and Shelly Wagnitz seconded. All approved and the motion passed
- 2025 Awesome Millage Mondays
  - Officially completed.
  - Well attended
    - A "Yes" Committee is important to a campaign's success
    - A "Yes" Committee must have their own checking account
    - Intensive short-term commitment to the library is involved
    - Some patrons have expressed interest in becoming involved
    - Hope Siasoco will attempt to find a volunteer to form a "YES" Committee
- Flyer Paranormal Investigation Fundraiser at the Pinckney Library - Saturday, May 2, 2026
  - Great Fun
  - Delved into the history of the library site
  - Hot spots were exposed all over the building
  - Fundraiser earned \$1,100.00 for the Pinckney Community High School Senior All-Nighter
  - 14 people per session
  - Flyer Paranormal Investigations is donating a Ghost Hunter Kit to the Library in October

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Reports:**

- ✚ Library Progress Report
  - Building Coordinator Report:
    - Vandalism Incident - Police Report - 3 May 2026 at 4:15pm
    - PCPL is requesting reimbursement for damages
  - Highlights from the April 10, 2026 Library of Michigan Directors Meeting
    - MI Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO)
    - State of Michigan -- State Budget
    - Library of Michigan -- Penal Fines & Annual Spring Survey
    - Law -- specifically: Policy Info sheet and Social Media Bills in Congress
  - REMINDER: Library Closed on Monday, May 25, 2026 for Memorial Day
  - REMINDER: Washtenaw County Historical Consortium's Founding Documents Exhibit
  - Upcoming Tie-In Programs for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the United States of America
    - May, June & July
  - ISSUE: Blind Person Accommodation emails -- talking signage
    - Possible scam & spam
    - Further investigation needed

- Only “Reasonable Accommodations” are required by PCPL
- IT Report: Library Website Changes
  - CPS servers were down
  - GoDaddy is now the Web Server provider for PCPL
  - The Library Director will look at the current contract
- MeL RIDES 2026 - 2027 Service Contract & Fuel Surcharge
- VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE: June 12, 2026 Food Truck Friday -- Judy Wismont said she might be able to help that day. She will contact Hope Siasoco once she knows for certain
- Final Report: MLA ThinkSpace Conference: December 2025 (Midland), March 2026 (Zoom), and May 2026 (Petoskey) - Table
- Update on Library Events:
  - Drop In Tech Help - Thursdays from 1pm - 4pm, starting May 2026
  - Baby Time Storytime on Mondays at 10am - weekly
  - Family Story Time on Tuesdays at 11am – weekly
  - Crafty Chix Knitting Group on Thursdays at 12pm-2pm
  - Monday Kids Knit & Crochet—3pm-5pm weekly
  - Mindfulness Meditation with Denise Johnson – Saturdays at 10am-11am: May 2, 9 and 16 (On Hiatus over summer starting June)
  - Plant Sharing 2026 - Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 10am - 10:30am
    - PCPL will host this event again on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027. Discussion is to do it the first Saturday in May for consistency
    - Well participated. Lots of walk ins
    - Keep it to 30 minutes again like this year
  - May the Sixth: A Star Wars Trivia Night - Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 6:30pm - Thank you to Bliss & Fish Restaurant for donating spinach pies for snacks. 22 people participated (6 children); 8 teams (3 solo players)
  - Genealogy Presentation: Too Many Birthdays for Sarah - Finding a Birth Date Before Birth Records, Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:30pm -- presented by Allyson Maughan - hybrid presentation; 37 registered participants; Day of Attendance: 3 in person in the library and 20 people on Zoom
  - Homeschool Connections - Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 1pm - 2pm
  - Family Bingo Night - Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:30pm - 7:30pm
  - Off the Shelf Book Discussion on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:30-7:30pm - May Book Title: *Becoming Madam Secretary* by Stephanie Dray
  - Thirteen Folds: A Symbol of Honor and Tradition - Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 6:30pm - 7:30pm - presented by Maren Estes
    - Well done by Maren Estes
    - 13 people (3 children) in attendance
  - Family Bingo Night on Thursday, May 14 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm - 27 registrations; 12 adults & 12 kids participating
  - Food Truck Friday Free Books & Seeds June 12 12- 8 pm
    - Looking for volunteers
    - The Library Director will send an email asking for help.
    - Magnet give away
- ✚ Friends Group Report- Reviewed and on file
  - Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:30pm -- guest: Patti Nicholson, Board Secretary, discussing August 4, 2026 Library Millage Information
  - April 2026 Friends Meeting Minutes

### **Issues:**

#### **NEW AND ONGOING BOARD ISSUES**

- 2026 Fundraiser Subcommittee Update - TABLE - Hope will contact subcommittee members for a meeting soon.
- Pinckney Consulting and Space Planning 2026 - Library Design Associates
- Approx \$8000
  - Wilson Foundation offers a Grant
  - Opportunity for a grant missed this year’s deadline but go for next year
  - Multiyear coverage for the grant
  - Rethinking library use

- Move ahead with timeline & planning
- Go for mid-May 2027 application
- The board directed the Library Director to provide more information about the Wilson Foundation grant
- 2026 Millage (Ongoing Discussion)
  - Summer Reading Postcard Mailers - USPS Every Door Direct Mail Routes
    - 3,200 post cards to be randomly distributed in Putnam Township
    - Shelly and Hope will look at postal routes for mailing out the Summer Reading Program postcards
  - Friends and Library joint postcard mailer
  - “Yes Campaign” Committee

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None

**ADJOURNMENT @ 11:13 AM**

Judy Wismont made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kate Robertson seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Brennan, Board Notetaker