

Howard Miller Library Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 15th, 2025

Present: Terry Allen, Amanda Hanson (staff), Mary Wilkos (Chair), Kate Kraak, Barb Dannenberg, Alison Reese, Lynette Lam, MaryBeth Timmer

Meeting called to order 4:31pm.

Minutes from the March 18th meeting were approved as written.
M-Terry Allen, S-Mary Wilkos - Passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

- The quilt show took place on the main floor throughout March. Although there were fewer quilts on display this year, the library still saw a record number of attendees.
- Additionally, the library hosted a highly successful blood drive in March, collecting five units of blood, which has the potential to save 15 lives!
- The library also held a Big Read program meeting in collaboration with Hope College, where various programs and themes were discussed and decided.
- Julie Russell enhanced the imaginative play area for children near the elevator.
- Amanda Hanson presented at a Library of Michigan conference about millages and public libraries, which was attended by around 100 people.

Old Business:

- A. Reminder of the staff luncheon on April 17th. A signup list was sent out at the last meeting.

New Business:

- A. Amanda Hanson sent a letter of condolence and appreciation to the Jack Miller family in recognition of his passing.
- B. The board will vote on the nominations for board officers at the May meeting.
- C. Amanda has been working with Library Market via Zoom and is in the early stages of developing a new, story-driven library website. She is also collaborating with Yellow Lime Creative for graphics. The new website will be separate from the city's site but will include links, allowing patrons to easily navigate to the new site from the city website. There will be no interruption in service, and the new site is expected to go live in September.

No Board or Public Comment

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm. M-Mary Wilkos, S-MaryBeth Timmer.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: May 20th, 2025

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The Family of Jack Miller
860 E Main Ave
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April 4, 2025

Dear Miller Family,

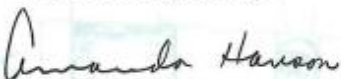
On behalf of the Library Advisory Board of the Howard Miller Library & Community Center, I would like to extend our deepest condolences on the passing of Jack Miller. We were deeply saddened to hear of his passing, and our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Jack was not only a prominent business leader but also a philanthropist whose generosity and vision left a lasting impact on our community. His steadfast support of the Howard Miller Library and Community Center, particularly through his contributions to the endowment fund, has ensured that his father's legacy continues to thrive. His commitment to strengthening this institution has made a meaningful difference in the lives of so many, and his generosity will continue to be felt for generations to come.

We are profoundly grateful for Jack's support and recognize that our organization would not be where it is today without his dedication and belief in our mission. His legacy of giving and leadership will always be remembered, and his contributions will continue to enrich our community in countless ways.

Please know that our hearts are with you, and we share in honoring the memory of an extraordinary individual.

With deepest sympathy,



Amanda Hanson
Director
Howard Miller Library & Community Center