

SAUGATUCK WOMEN'S CLUB

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 13, 2026, 10:35 AM

President Cathy Brockington called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

Attendance: Cathy Brockington, Lora Keller, Susan Pastor, Gail Zandstra, Karen Killackey, Cindy Raue, Nyla Hensley, Lynda Sandberg, and MeriJean Webb

Beginning Business

Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes of April 8, 2026, Board Meeting with one correction in connection to Archives, referring to the 2025 Annual Summary of Motions to be inserted into the Secretary Minutes from 2025 - completed. Motion by Lora Keller/Karen Killackey. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Lora Keller

SWC has changed their internet service from Xfinity to Frontier and may receive a bill from both companies in May. If an extra bill does arrive, Frontier agreed to take responsibility for it. We are also going to one (1) gig service while spending less money.

Treasurer's Report received and filed.

Beginning Balance	32,598.79
Credits	7,675.80
Debits	8,022.02
Ending Balance	32,252.57

Presidents report – Cathy Brockington

A blast will go out with names of new members without contact information.

Cathy met with David Webb regarding application for an Arts, Culture and Humanities Grant with the Allegan County Community Foundation. This grant will cover gutters and installation. It has been confirmed that the SWC will not have to secure authentic copper. Will request that Dave secure three (3) bids. The grant request must be from the Friends because they are the 501 c3. Grant period opens May 15 and ends June 19. Cathy is currently developing an organizational description, a description of charitable giving, and the building's

use, particularly how the SWC supports the community (including the store) in utilizing the building.

Vice President – Susan Pastor

Susan did get a note from Michael Rodrigues representing Restore. Michael assured us that bids for work on the foundation will be coming soon.

In addition, door handle and dead bolt lock will need replacing.

Rentals – Bonnie Lowe

Bonnie sent out rental report – mailed it to everyone. Election went well. Auditorium lights were not so good but plans are that election workers will bring additional lamps to help with their lighting needs.

Unity on the Lakeshore – request for a new lease for Sunday mornings. They are requesting rentals into September. The board is requesting that they become aware that their rental does not include coming in and out of building at will, lights be turned off and thermostat be returned to required temperature as stated on instruction card by the control.

Programs Report – Leah Root

Coordinating meeting at LuLu's for May 13, 2026. About 28 members are confirmed. Up to 35 OK.

Fundraising – Lora Keller

Lora is tracking the tickets for the Mini Golf – The guys who own the Mini Golf in Saugatuck are selling the facility, but SWC has been assured the sale will not interfere with the golf fund raiser which starts in June.

Understand there is a tepid response for the tree fundraiser; however, it's a little soon and there is plenty of time for more promotion.

Sandy Gelman ordered Betsy Ross Flags for 4th of July which will be paired with art fair. Annie Hayes, president of the art club was unaware that their payments for coffee service by the Friends crew was being given to the Friends and not the Art Club. More discussion in the future on that concern.

As a reminder - All fundraising is through the Friends.

Art – No report

Archivist – Tonya Sheridan and Nyla Hensley

Nyla reported that she took some pictures and identified all but one person. Would like to take pictures of hostesses the next time we get together at the SWC.

Hostesses - Gail Zandstra - no report.

Membership – Lynda Sandberg

Membership at 80 and growing.

Online Service – Lora Keller

It will be very soon that a few individuals will be able to look at the website. Emails that need to be sent out to membership can be forwarded to Lora for further handling.

Outreach – Cindy Raue, Karen Wessel

Cindy let us know that 27 boxes of feminine products, 9 containers of pain killer (aspirin) and 2 tubes of medicine were delivered to Christian Neighbors. Yes, Cindy is collecting boxes of cereal also for Christian Neighbors.

Karen sent information that the Invitation for the Appreciation Event is all set. The reception will be a good opportunity to introduce spouses and a good time to mingle with all our members and their families. This is a social event. Stephanie provided the invitation design.

August 13 outdoor discovery date is all set. A few SWC members will be at the May 30 Wade's Bayou Safe Kids South Haven event. Will be bringing water and some snacks.

Publicity – Stephanie Burt

Stephanie has been working on updating SWC name change from Women's Club instead of Woman's Club.

Scholarships – Cathy Brockington and Karen Killackey

Two awards will be presented by Cathy and Karen tonight (May 13, 2026) at the Saugatuck High School. The candidates are being withheld to secrecy until after tonight. The scholarship winners will be invited to one of two upcoming meetings, May 28 or June 25, whichever is convenient for candidates.

Since the scholarships did not attract many applicants, it was agreed to insert information into the Commercial Record describing these scholarships.

Volunteer Hours – Nyla Hensley

Has some volunteer hours. Becky is figuring out how members will be able to submit volunteer hours online.

Friends Liaison – Lora Keller

No report – Merijean and Dave Webb working on Brick fundraiser.

Old Business –

Bonnie Lowe was looking for clarification on rental rates for various non-profit organizations renting from the Women's Club.

1. What exactly is a **local** nonprofit?

Answer: Local means Saugatuck, Douglas and Saugatuck Township. This can be inserted into the rental contracts.

2. Does one time use mean one day or does it include additional days?

Answer: One time use means one day annually. This can be inserted into the rental contracts.

3. All non-profits will have benefit of the non-profit rate plus cleaning.

Susan Pastor motioned to change wording of rental contract to allow nonprofits located within Saugatuck, Douglas, and Saugatuck Township boundaries a one-time, one-day within calendar year, no fee except cleaning. Additional days to be billed at the rate of \$125/day. Lora Keller seconded. Motion passed.

We can grandfather the Coopers and Lance Trexler.

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New Business

Cathy Brockington brought up that she will be working on SWC bylaws to include the life-time membership change to 80 years of age from 90, the Women's Club name vs. Woman's Club, and a No Weapon's Policy.

Motion by Susan Pastor/Karen Killackey to adjourn at 12:00 Noon.