MONROE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

1. At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library System held on March 12, 2007 at the Ida Branch Library, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lux. Roll call by Secretary Elizabeth Taylor follows:

   Present: Fred Lux, Chair; Laurence Gregory, Vice-Chair; Elizabeth Taylor, Secretary, MaryAnn Bourque and Catharine Calder, Trustees; Nancy Colpaert, Director; and Diane Ohlemacher, Recording Secretary.

   Staff: Barb Drodt, Nancy Bellaire

   A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to transact business.

2. Motion by Secretary Taylor, supported by Trustee Bourque, that the agenda be approved as printed. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Vice-Chair Gregory, supported by Secretary Taylor, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting February 12, 2007 as printed. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment
   Representatives of the Ida Library Advisory Board and Ida Friends Group welcomed the board and gave an update on their activities. Community programs are very popular and well attended. The Friends of Ida annual book sale will be held in July.

5. Consent Agenda
   Motion by Secretary Taylor, supported by Trustee Calder, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented, including the February 2007 Financial Report, and place on file. Motion carried.

6. Committee Reports
   Finance Committee – no meeting.

   Facilities Committee - no meeting.

   Policy & Personnel Committee – Met and reviewed a number of items, two of which appear on tonight's agenda for action.

   Community Partnering Committee – Did not meet.

   Technology Committee – no meeting.

   Woodlands Update – will meet Thursday evening.

Legislative Update – Vice-Chair Gregory encouraged everyone to write their elected officials about the dire situation of the state's budget and let them know how important their library is to them.

7. Unfinished Business - None

8. New Business
Motion by Trustee Bourque, supported by Vice-Chair Gregory, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending February 28, 2007 in the amount of $547,749.15. Motion carried.

Motion by Secretary Taylor, supported by Vice-Chair Gregory, to approve the liability waiver to be signed by performers for library programming as recommended by the Policy and Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Chair Lux said at a meeting last month, a recommendation was brought from the Technology Committee that wireless be activated as time allows in all of the branches. The action was tabled to give Policy and Personnel an opportunity to see how we were impacted by state law and federal law and come back with a recommendation pertaining to a wireless access specifically in the children's area of the library. Vice-Chair Gregory said they looked at a number of libraries throughout the state to see what their policy was and couldn't find any library that permitted wireless in the children's area. It is the committee's recommendation that we do not allow any laptops or electronic devices in the children's area. To be compliant with Public Act 212 we have to make our choices, either filter our computers or to protect children from sexually explicit material. Motion by Trustee Calder, supported by Trustee Bourque, that we open up wireless access in branches when that service is available, but we do not permit the use of electronic devices that access the internet in children's areas. The language in the Internet Policy will be revised at the next meeting. Motion passed, 3 yes, 1 no.

9. Director's Report
Director Colpaert reported the bond sale on the Roessler Street property through the Monroe County Building Authority has an overall interest rate of 4.2537 for 20 years. Chair Lux asked the Finance Committee to make a recommendation about the $100,000 a year less than anticipated payment on the bond. Can we take the difference of what we expected to pay and put into a fund that we can either draw on for a new project or make a lump sum payment at the end of the 10 years?

We were expecting an audit report tonight, however we are a component unit of the county and they are initiating GASB 45 guidelines this year and we will have to bring our audit in line with theirs. The report will be presented next month.

In your packet is a copy of the report from retiree health board is financial advisor. Last year income on our fund was 15.5% and since inception 10.2% and the actuary

suggested we get 7-8% in order to make our target. The fund is not very large at this point but it is growing. We did send a check for $530,000 to cover this year's required contribution.

Dorsch received it's occupancy permit today and staff will start moving things back from Navarre and will reopen as soon as we can. South Rockwood is just about ready to open; they are painting the restroom and putting in new tile. We asked the township for assurance the entrance to the library will be repaired and made handicap accessible. Tonight Petersburg is looking at plans for renovation of their library. We continue to meet with TMP architects re plans for Daume Building.

10. Board Comments
Trustee Bourque thanked the Ida advisory board and friends for hosting the meeting.

Trustee Calder said it's always good to be in Ida. She noted Ann Rabson's email, praising the blues festival; it's a great thing the library does, and has done for 20 yrs. It brings notoriety to us; good work.

Vice-Chair Gregory commented on the attendance at Ellis kid's programming and the crowded parking lot.

Secretary Taylor said she has never voted against a motion. The way motion was worded made it difficult to approve it. "I don't disapprove of opening up libraries for wireless, it was the second half of motion. Policy & Personnel has worked very hard on it and I know how difficult it is to meet all the requirements of patrons and families access, very important to keep access open and for us to have a long vision as to what is happening to technology."

Chair Lux thanked Ida. He commented that it's okay to see someone vote against a motion from time to time. "It's only the second time in seven years I've been on the board and shows that everything is not worked out in advance and that we really do have our own individual thoughts and are not just rubberstamping everything that is brought to the board." Thanks to Policy and Personnel for their hard work on things presented tonight and thanks to the board for the movement they took on the wireless.

11. Public Comment – Barb Drodt said Fine Friendly Fridays are good PR for MCLS. Partnering with different organizations makes the public aware of their needs.

12. Announcements
Date of Next Board Meeting – Monday, April 9, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m., at Frenchtown Dixie Branch Library, Monroe, MI. Secretary Taylor will be out of town and possibly Trustee Calder too.

13. Adjournment
Motion by Secretary Taylor, supported by Vice Chair Gregory, to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth J. Taylor, Secretary

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Fred E. Lux, Chairperson