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 February 12, 2007 at the Dorsch Memorial 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, Catharine Calder, Trustee; Nancy Colpaert, Director; and Diane Ohlemacher, Recording Secretary.

   Staff: Cindy Green, Nancy Bellaire, Laurie Breitner, Bernie Smith

   Excused: MaryAnn Bourque, Trustee

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

2. Motion by Trustee Calder, supported by Vice-Chair Gregory, that the agenda be approved as printed. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Secretary Taylor, supported by Trustee Calder, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting January 8, 2007 as printed. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment - none

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

6. Committee Reports
   Finance Committee – Bills were reviewed. The Ellis land lease with the County is for 99 years.

   Facilities Committee - no meeting.

   Policy & Personnel Committee – Action items on tonight's agenda. Holding conversation with lawyers regarding health care issues and risk control when animals are brought into the building for programs.

   Community Partnering Committee – Did not meet.

   Technology Committee – detailed notes were in packets. Rachel is working on broadband ideas, stop gap idea to save us money and give us much needed bandwidth

for three or four years. She is working with Ameritech on the network. At some point, we need to hang our own fiber to meet the demand. The Technology Committee will continue to study and recommend the best way to go about this.

Woodlands Update – Capitol Cooperative is losing their director and it was thought to combine their coop with Woodlands, but it cannot be done by law. Members individually can join another coop until the coop's service area is too small to be considered a cooperative.

Legislative Update - Director Colpaert and Woodlands Cooperative Library Director Jim Seidl met on Friday with Representative Kate Ebli. Director Colpaert also met with Representative Randy Richardville on Monday to discuss the effects proposed state aid cuts will have on libraries.

7. Unfinished Business - None

8. New Business
Motion by Secretary Taylor, supported by Vice-Chair Gregory, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending January 31, 2007 in the amount of $520,930.31. Motion carried.

Motion by Secretary Taylor, supported by Trustee Calder, to authorize payment of approximately 95% of the annual required contribution for Retiree Healthcare to Morgan Stanley now, balance to be paid at the end of the year. Motion carried.

Motion by Secretary Taylor, supported by Trustee Calder, to adopt the new policy for Gifts and Donations. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Calder, supported by Secretary Taylor, to change the hours as presented for Newport (41) and South Rockwood (23) effective with the reopening of South Rockwood branch. Motion carried. Secretary Taylor is not happy that the South Rockwood Branch is closed all weekend. Statistics were looked at and the majority of patrons use the Newport Branch on that day. All branch hours will be revisited as part of the Strategic Plan.

Motion by Secretary Taylor, supported by Trustee Calder, to amend the holiday schedule for 2007, observing Veteran's Day on Monday, November 12, 2007. The Ellis and Bedford branch will be open on Sunday, November 11. Writers on the River will be held at Ellis on that day. Motion carried.

Motion by Secretary Taylor, supported by Trustee Calder, to establish signage in the library branches indicating that electronic devices that access the Internet are not allowed in the Children's area and dead zones in branches be eliminated over time according to the Technology Department's schedule. Following discussion, Secretary Taylor withdrew her motion. The Policy and Personnel Committee will discuss further and get input from other libraries and will report back to the board next month.

9. Director's Report
   Director Colpaert thanked Assistant Director Nancy Bellaire, Dorsch Librarian Cindy Green and Maintenance Supervisor Tim Carr for helping to prepare the building for tonight's meeting. The City of Monroe fire inspector is in attendance because the alarm is not operational.

   The County Building Authority has scheduled the bond sale for Wednesday, February 21st, 2:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

   Black History Month events are underway with Tuesdays are Bluesdays concerts at various branches. The first Big Gig was held February 3rd at the Monroe County Community College. The second Big Gig will be held on February 24 at the River Raisin Center for Arts.

   The South Rockwood Branch Library remodeling project is making headway, hope to reopen sometime next month. It was noted that the library entrance is to be made more accessible when the weather permits.

   Summerfield Petersburg is meeting with the architect tonight to review plans for the expansion.

10. Board Comments
    Chair Lux said while traveling in the State, he always stops at libraries to check his email and to see what additional information he can glean. Traverse City has racks of best sellers available for rental for $2.00 for ten days, with a $.25 day late fee for people who do not wish to have a long wait.

    Vice Chair Gregory and Secretary Taylor commented on the building, how nice it looks, wonderful new lights, great when the building is finished.

    Trustee Calder commented on tonight's editorial in the Monroe Evening News regarding dial in service discontinuation and is glad they spend time tracking library issues. As a citizen, she thanked the Ellis library for hosting a Meadow Montessori demonstration class on a Saturday afternoon in January. They moved in an entire classroom with parents and grandparents attending. The entire staff was extremely helpful. She was saddened to learn of Dr. Edward Koster's death, he was a great supporter of libraries.

11. Public Comment – none.

12. Announcements
    Date of Next Board Meeting – Monday, March 12, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m., at Ida Branch Library, 3016 Lewis Avenue, Ida, MI

13. Adjournment
    Motion by Secretary Taylor, supported by Vice Chair Gregory, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth J. Taylor, Secretary

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Fred E. Lux, Chairperson