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 April 9, 2007 at the Frenchtown Dixie Branch Library, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lux. Roll call follows:

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

   Excused: Elizabeth Taylor, Secretary

   Staff: Jane Steed

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

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

3. Motion by Trustee Calder, supported by Trustee Bourque, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting March 12, 2007 as printed. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment
   Librarian Jane Steed welcomed the board. Frenchtown Supervisor James McDevitt had another commitment and could not make tonight's meeting. The township is a great supporter of its libraries. Blue Bush has just been repainted and will be carpeted at a later date. Vivian's carpet is expected to be replaced too. Big Read going really well. Blue Bush book club had a discussion with two teens and two adults, the teen aspect was enlightening.

5. Received audit report for 2006 from Deb Sabo, Cooley Hehl Wohlgamuth & Carlton. The Monroe County Library System received a good, clean opinion, the highest opinion you can have. This year there are no comments. Everything went well and was organized. The staff was very helpful. Director Colpaert did a good job preparing the Management Discussion and Analysis. Motion by Trustee Calder, supported by Vice-Chair Gregory to accept the 2006 audit and place it on file. Motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda
   Motion by Trustee Bourque, supported by Vice-Chair Gregory, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented, including the March 2007 Financial Report, and place on file. Motion carried.

7. Committee Reports
   Finance Committee – the Monroe County Building Authority has reimbursed MCLS for the $650,000 purchase for the Roessler Street property from proceeds of the bond sale in March.

   Facilities Committee – reviewed projects at various branches; some painting, carpeting and adding bookshelves has been done. The committee is recommending tonight that the board continue to work with TMP on plans for the Roessler St. building and to bid the project out.

   Policy & Personnel Committee – two people were awarded the Mary Daume scholarship this year. A number of items on tonight's agenda for action.

   Community Partnering Committee – Did not meet.

   Technology Committee – no meeting.

   Woodlands Update – the Capital Cooperative task force will meet tomorrow in Albion.

   Legislative Update –With the uncertainty of state funding, it's a big concern that Woodlands will face cuts.

8. Unfinished Business - None

9. New Business
   Motion by Trustee Bourque, supported by Vice-Chair Gregory, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending March 31, 2007 in the amount of $1,116.595.37. Motion carried.

   Motion by Trustee Calder, supported by Trustee Bourque, to approve the revised Internet Policy incorporating discontinuation of dial in services and opening up of wireless access. Motion carried.

   Motion by Vice-Chair Gregory, supported by Trustee Bourque, to increase DVD circulation limit from three to five per person effective April 16, 2007. Motion carried.

   Motion by Trustee Calder, supported by Vice-Chair Gregory, to adopt the chart of revised replacement charges for materials to include charges for damaged audio and media cases. Motion carried.

   Motion by Trustee Bourque, supported by Trustee Calder, to authorize TMP to continue with Daume building drawings and send project out to bid when construction drawings are complete. Motion carried.

   Motion by Trustee Bourque, supported by Secretary Gregory to move All Staff Day from Thursday May 17 to Friday June 8, 2007 for a half day session at Ellis. Motion carried.

10. Director's Report
    Director Colpaert thanked the Frenchtown staff for hosting tonight's meeting. She asked to be excused from the May 14th board meeting. She will be out of town on vacation and attending the NCPERS conference. Summer Reading t-shirts are now available for purchase. Graphic Artist Katie Macaro has been working with the Bicentennial War of 1812 Committee doing silhouettes of soldiers for banners to be hung downtown and fundraiser mugs. She is also working on the logo to be displayed at the Historic site.

11. Board Comments
    Trustee Calder said she loved the Big Read posters; a great idea, and very clever. The Big Read was a wonderful partnership for the library to partner with other agencies in the community.

    Trustee Bourque has enjoyed reading the comments from people who are reading and reading Fahrenheit 451 for the Big Read project. She commended staff on a good audit report. She invited board members to attend the South Rockwood Branch open house next Wednesday, April 18, from 1-8 pm.

    Vice-Chair Gregory said he enjoyed coming to the beautiful Frenchtown-Dixie Library, a relaxing site for patrons with the beach areas nearby.

    Chair Lux reiterated everyone's comments. He received an email from Policy & Personnel indicating the board chair is entitled to vote on all motions. He said he will continue in the manner he has, only voting when there is a tie or if only three trustees are present at the meeting. Otherwise he will continue to abstain.

12. Public Comment - none.

13. Announcements
    Date of Next Board Meeting – Monday, May 14, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m., at Newport Branch Library, Newport, MI.

14. Adjournment
    Motion by Vice-Chair Gregory, supported by Trustee Bourque, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth J. Taylor, Secretary

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Fred E. Lux, Chairperson