

**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 May 11, 2009 at the Rasey Memorial Branch Library, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elizabeth J. Taylor at 6:00 pm. Roll call follows:

Present: Elizabeth J. Taylor, Chair; MaryAnn Bourque, Vice-Chair; Laurence Gregory, Secretary, Fred Lux, Trustee and Nancy Colpaert, Director.

Excused: Catharine Calder, Trustee.

Staff: Nancy Bellaire, Carol Laurie and Lou Komorowski

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

2. Motion by Vice-chair Bourque, supported by Trustee Lux, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Trustee Lux, supported by Vice-chair Bourque, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting April 20, 2009 as printed. Motion carried.
4. Chair Taylor explained that according to Roberts Rules of Order, if the secretary is absent, the board chair should appoint a Secretary Pro Tem to record and sign the minutes. Since we did not do that at the April meeting, she asked the board to appoint someone at this meeting. Motion by Vice-chair Bourque, supported by Trustee Lux to appoint Nancy Colpaert as Secretary Pro-Tem for the April 20, 2009 board meeting. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment – Luna Pier Mayor Mary Liske welcomed the board to Luna Pier. She explained that the city council is working on the master plan for the city. Community Librarian Carol Laurie thanked the library board for meeting in Luna Pier. Ms. Laurie also shared a brief history the Luna Pier branch, which opened in 1935. She also made scrapbooks available for board members to peruse.
6. Jim Mumby and Tracy Petrella from Fanning Howey architects reviewed meetings with staff regarding the Ellis Building Project. The architects have determined that the Reference collection can be housed on the second floor. The next steps will be to meet with engineers and the Construction Manager will prepare a cost estimate based on the bubble drawings so that we can start to prioritize what can be included in the scope of the project based on costs and the available funding. The architects are also checking on various code requirements.
7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Trustee Lux, supported by Vice-chair Bourque, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented, including the April 2009 Financial Report, and place on file. Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports –

Finance Committee – Mrs. Bourque gave the report. She mentioned that the committee has an item on the agenda tonight, the contribution to the Retiree Health Care Trust. She noted that an Executive Order from Governor Granholm has cut state aid to libraries for the 2008-2009 fiscal year by 4%.

Facilities Committee – Mrs. Bourque noted that Jim Mumby and Tracy Petrella had covered the Facilities meeting on May 6 in their report.

Policy and Personnel Committee – no meeting.

Technology Committee – Mr. Lux gave the report. He explained that due to quantity discounts, the library was able to purchase 81 computers at a cost of less than budgeted for 42. He explained that the board may want to revisit Internet filters to secure broadband funding from stimulus monies.

Woodlands – The Governing Board will be meeting next week.

Legislative update – Mr. Gregory noted that the state continues to slash state aid. He noted that cuts in State Police funding may have a negative impact on penal fines for the library.

9. Unfinished Business - none

10. New Business

Motion by Trustee Lux, supported by Vice-chair Bourque, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending April 30, 2009, in the amount of \$625,953.16. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Lux, supported by Secretary Gregory, to authorize payment of \$500,000 of the Retiree Health Care allocation for 2009 to Morgan Stanley for investment for Retiree Health Care. Motion carried.

Motion by Secretary Gregory, supported by Vice-chair Bourque to appoint MCLS Director Nancy Colpaert to a three year term as library representative to the Monroe County Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2009. Motion carried.

11. Director's Report

Director Colpaert shared the David C. Kay Good Neighbor Award given to the library by the Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The library also received recognition for co-sponsoring the Be Their Hero from Age Zero Summit on April 30 and May 1. She noted that the Bedford staff will participate in the Relay for Life in Bedford on May 16-17.

She reported that the library will be participating in a “Park & Read” program this summer, which allows library card holders to check out a pass for any State Park in Michigan. This is similar to the Museum Adventure Pass program. New microfilm reader/printer equipment is being installed at Ellis and Bedford.

12. Board Comments

Trustees thanked Ms. Laurie for hosting the meeting and for sharing the branch’s history. They expressed excitement at the architect’s plans for the Ellis Building.

13. Public Comment – none.

14. Announcements

Date of Next Board Meeting – Monday, June 8, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m., at Blue Bush Branch Library, 2210 Blue Bush Rd., Monroe. (734-242-4085)

15. Adjournment

Motion by Vice-chair Bourque, supported by Trustee Lux to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Laurence Gregory, Secretary

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Elizabeth J. Taylor, Chair