

**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 10, 2014 at the Rasey Memorial Library, the meeting was called to order by Chair Elizabeth Taylor at 5:00 p.m. Secretary Bourque called roll.

Present: Elizabeth Taylor, Chair; Laurence Gregory, Vice-Chair; Maryanne Bourque, Secretary; Catharine Calder, Trustee; Fred Lux, Trustee; and Nancy Bellaire, Director

Staff: Lou Komorowski; Carol Laurie

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

2. Motion by Secretary Bourque, supported by Vice Chair Gregory to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Trustee Calder, supported by Trustee Lux to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 board meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment--Community Librarian Carol Laurie welcomed the Board to Luna Pier and showed them the recently installed overhead lighting. She explained that their drop box was temporarily out of commission due to heaving of the pavement caused by the severe winter.
5. Consent Agenda--Motion by Trustee Calder, supported by Vice-Chair Gregory, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented, including the February 2014 Financial Reports, and place on file. Motion carried.

6. Committee Reports

Finance Committee--Mr. Gregory reported that Finance had met prior to the board meeting to review financial correspondence, reports, and penal fine information for February. He indicated that we have received a little less than 43% of our anticipated income including approximately 49% of our projected property tax revenue and expended 18% of our proposed expenditures. Penal fines are holding up and are up about \$21,000 from this time last year. The committee also discussed the Mary K. Daume Scholarship which is an agenda item for the meeting tonight.

Facilities Committee—Trustee Calder reported that Facilities did not meet but that she plans to visit each branch this year.

Policy and Personnel Committee--Secretary Bourque reported Policy and Personnel had not met.

Technology Committee--No meeting.

Woodlands Update—Trustee Gregory reported that he plans to attend the next Woodlands meeting which is scheduled for March 27.

Legislative Update—Vice-Chair Gregory thanked Ms. Bellaire for passing on the legislative report from MLA and highlighted that both the House and Senate are working toward a plan that causes no harm to libraries due to Personal Property Tax reform.

7. Unfinished Business—None.
8. New Business--Motion by Trustee Lux, supported by Trustee Calder, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending February 28, 2014 in the amount of \$297,785.07. Motion carried.
Motion by Ms. Calder, supported by Mr. Lux to reinvest \$1500 of the Mary K. Daume Scholarship funds as opposed to leaving the dollars in the spendable account if there are no applicants for the scholarship. Ms. Bellaire and MCLS staff will continue to advertise and recruit applicants for the award.
Chair Taylor announced that Standing Committee assignments for 2014 will remain unchanged from 2013:

Policy and Personnel--Maryanne Bourque, chair; Larry Gregory
Finance--Laurence Gregory, chair; Maryanne Bourque
Technology--Fred Lux, chair; Betsy Taylor
Facilities--Catharine Calder, chair; Betsy Taylor.
9. Director's Report—Ms. Bellaire shared information that she received at a meeting regarding the I-75 “rebuild” which kicks off in 2015. The project is expected to take several years to complete. She also gave the board a preview of MCLS’ 80th anniversary and Earth Day promotional materials as well as information about the 2014 Michigan Notable Author Tour collaboration between Airport Schools and the Carleton Branch Library.
10. Board Comments
The board thanked Carol Laurie for hosting the meeting.
Trustee Calder said that she is pleased to see efforts to reach out to underserved populations and partnerships with the River Raisin Institute. She complimented Luna Pier’s collection of board games and encouraged staff to incorporate Screen Free Week, May 5-11, into program planning if possible.
Chair Taylor thanked board members for electing her chair last month and said that she is looking forward to another productive year.
11. Public Comment-None.
12. Announcements
Date of Next Board Meeting—Monday, April 14 @ 5 p.m. at the Ida Branch Library, Ida, Michigan
13. Adjournment
Motion by Vice-Chair Gregory, supported by Trustee Lux to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne Bourque, Secretary

Elizabeth Taylor, Chair