

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 June 9, 2014 at the South Rockwood Branch Library, the meeting was called to order by Chair 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: Jadin Howton; Lou Komorowski; David Ross

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

2. Motion by Trustee Calder, supported by Trustee Lux to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Vice-Chair Gregory, supported by Trustee Lux to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2014 board meeting. Motion carried.
4. Under public comment, Community Librarian David Ross welcomed the board to South Rockwood.
5. Consent Agenda -- Motion by Trustee Lux, supported by Trustee Calder, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented, including the May Financial Report, 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 reports and correspondence. He indicated that through the month of May, 41.7% of the year, we have received about 84% of our projected income and spent just over 36% of our projected expenditures.
Facilities Committee -- No meeting.
Policy and Personnel Committee -- Secretary Bourque reported Policy and Personnel had met earlier and discussed the upcoming minimum wage increase and an agenda item regarding dental insurance coverage for retirees.
Technology Committee -- Next meeting June 18. Mr. Lux suggested that members refer to Ms. Bellaire's report for information on our website launch, copier installations, etc.
Woodlands Update -- Mr. Gregory reported that MLA has a new director, Randy Riley and that Woodlands will be hosting an all-day strategic planning session on August 21 from 10-5.

Legislative Update -- Mr. Gregory thanked Nancy Bellaire for providing trustees with the MLA Legislative Update in the packet and highlighted the upcoming ballot issue relating to Personal Property Tax reform.

7. Unfinished Business -- None.

8. New Business-Motion by Vice-Chair Gregory, supported by Trustee Calder, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending May 31, 2014 in the amount of \$281,642.67. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Lux, supported by Secretary Bourque to approve posting a Clerical Position, up to 6 hours, for Navarre, due to a promotion. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Calder, supported by Secretary Bourque to clarify MCLS retirees' ability to purchase dental insurance at their own expense: "Retirees may purchase dental insurance at their own expense. If the retiree opts to discontinue the dental insurance during the plan year, it will not be possible to purchase it again." Trustee Lux, no; Trustee Calder, yes; Secretary Bourque, yes; Vice-Chair Gregory, yes; Chair Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Calder, supported by Vice-Chair Gregory to approve service agreements with the following units of government: Ash; Bedford; Berlin; Erie; Ida; London; and Raisinville. Motion carried.

9. Director's Report -- Director Bellaire shared a line drawing provided by the Village of South Rockwood, showing the possible shape and location of a new South Rockwood Branch Library. She also provided information about the Monroe County Fair and parade. This year's theme is "Fair Fun for Everyone". At the July meeting, Ms. Bellaire will share photos of some of the butterflies, made from recycled materials, on loan this summer from the River Raisin Institute. Chair Calder asked about service and maintenance contract with the City of Monroe. Ms. Bellaire said that we are seeking pricing for the services that MCLS staff currently provide for light maintenance, lawn mowing, and sidewalk snow removal.

10. Board Comments

The board thanked David Ross for hosting the meeting.

Vice-Chair Gregory presented Chair Taylor with a certificate recognizing 10 years of board service and thanked her for commitment to the community.

Secretary Bourque congratulated Chair Taylor on her library anniversary and said that she is looking forward to the proposed library building project in South Rockwood.

Trustee Calder also congratulated Chair Taylor on her anniversary and suggested that Library staff consider hosting programs relating to the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Trustee Lux offered good wishes for the planning process for a new South Rockwood Library.

Chair Taylor thanked fellow board members for the recognition and support.

11. Under public comment, Senior Youth Services Technician Jadin Howton shared information about programs scheduled for this summer for preschoolers, school aged children and teens. The theme for Summer Reading this year is “Fizz, Boom, Read”, a theme adopted by at least 35 states across the country. She informed the board that for 2015, Monroe’s ISD and United Way will join us in adopting a shared Summer Reading theme.

12. Announcements

Date of Next Board Meeting -- Monday, July 14 @ 5 p.m. at the Bedford Branch Library, Temperance, Michigan

13. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Calder, supported by Mrs. Bourque to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne Bourque, Secretary

Elizabeth Taylor, Chair