

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 9, 2016 at the Carleton Branch Library, Temperance, the meeting was called to order by Chair Gregory at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Bourque declared that a quorum was present.

Present: Larry Gregory, Chair; Maryanne Bourque, Vice-Chair; Elizabeth Taylor, Trustee; Bernie Smith, Trustee; and Nancy Bellaire, Director

Excused: Catharine Calder, Secretary

Staff: Lou Komorowski; Bill Reiser; and David Ross

2. Motion by Betsy Taylor, supported by Maryanne Bourque to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Maryanne Bourque, supported by Bernie Smith to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment—State Representative Bill LaVoy presented the MCLS Board with a Resolution celebrating the 100 anniversary of the opening of the Dorsch Library. Community Librarian David Ross welcomed the board to Carleton and presented an architectural rendering and floorplan of the new South Rockwood Branch Library, currently under construction.
Ellis Library Manager Bill Reiser shared conceptual information about the 2017 Black History Month series, the 30th annual celebration for MCLS. An action item appears later in the agenda, which will authorize Bill to apply for a possible matching grant application for the series.
Ellis Reference Center supervisor Lou Komorowski gave the board a demonstration of Ancestry.com, an online genealogy tool available free of charge at MCLS branches. He also described other online resources such as La France.
5. Consent Agenda -- Motion by Trustee Taylor, supported by Maryanne Bourque, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented, including the April 2016 Financial Reports, and place on file. Motion carried.
6. Committee Reports
Finance Committee – The Finance Committee met prior to the board meeting with Director Bellaire to review financial reports for April as well as the financial correspondence. With 33% of the year gone, we have received almost 95% of our expected property tax revenue for 2016 and about 81% of our overall expected revenue. As of tonight, we have not received penal fine information for this month. The Finance Committee also noted that Kurt

Daume has made a donation to the Community Foundation of Monroe in his mother's memory, \$500 for distribution to this year's award winner and \$500 donated into the scholarship fund.

Facilities Committee -- No meeting.

Policy and Personnel Committee – No meeting.

Technology Committee – No meeting.

Woodlands Update – Mr. Gregory reported on the Woodlands \$1000 mini-grants offered to member libraries for programs or services. Ms. Bellaire said that we plan to use this \$1000 to increase our matching funds for additional grants for the 2017 Black History Month celebration.

Legislative Update – Mr. Gregory thanked Nancy Bellaire for providing the board with the MLA legislative updates. He reported that Senate bill 571, now Public Act 269 of 2015, which dealt with campaign reforms, has now been declared “unconstitutionally vague and thus void”.

7. Unfinished Business – The board committees will remain unchanged:
 - Policy & Personnel: Maryanne Bourque, chair; Bernie Smith
 - Finance: Betsy Taylor, chair; Maryanne Bourque
 - Facilities: Catharine Calder, chair; Betsy Taylor
 - Technology: Bernie Smith, chair; Catharine Calder
8. New Business-Motion by Bernie Smith, supported by Betsy Taylor to approve payment of the bills for the month ending April 30, 2016 in the amount of \$238,001.83. Motion carried.
Motion by Bernie Smith, supported by Betsy Taylor to approve a grant submission for the 2017, 30th Annual Black History Month Celebration. Motion carried.
9. Director Bellaire gave a brief update on the Strategic Planning session scheduled for Monday, May 16, along with information on the Annual All Staff Training Day, scheduled for Friday, May 20. She also reported on a grant that will be submitted by the Rockin' Rangers 4-H club who are hoping to create a butterfly garden behind the Ellis Library. The successful award winners will be notified sometime this fall for 2017 implementation.
10. Board Comments
The board thanked David for hosting the board meeting in Carleton as well as Bill and Lou for their presentations. Maryanne Bourque thanked the staff also for helping individuals with small business startups. Betsy Taylor said that the South Rockwood plans look great. Bernie Smith wished David good luck on the South Rockwood project. Larry Gregory thanked the staff for what they do and said that things like Ancestry.com have really given the public a new perception of what a modern library can offer.
11. Public comment—None
12. Announcements
Date of Next Board Meeting – August 8 @ 5 p.m. at the South Rockwood Branch Library, South Rockwood, Michigan

OR

Monday, September 12, 2016 @ 5 p.m. at the Frenchtown-Dixie Branch Library, Monroe, Michigan

13. Adjournment

Motion by Maryanne Bourque, supported by Bernie Smith to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne Bourque, Vice-Chair

Laurence Gregory, Chair