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 13, 2017 at the Ida Branch, the meeting was called to order by Chair Bourque at 5:01 p.m. Ms. Bourque declared that a quorum was present.

   Present: Maryanne Bourque, Chair; Catharine Calder, Secretary; Larry Gregory, Trustee; and Nancy Bellaire, Director

   Excused: Elizabeth Taylor, Trustee and Bernie Smith, Trustee

   Staff: Lou Komorowski; Suzanne Krueger

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

2. Motion by Ms. Calder, supported by Mr. Gregory to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Larry Gregory, supported by Catharine Calder to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Board of Trustees Reorganization
   Motion by Catharine Calder, supported by Larry Gregory to nominate Maryanne Bourque as Chair, Betsy Taylor as Vice-Chair and Cathe Calder as Secretary, Motion carried.

5. Public Comment – Daneen Cole, Friends of the Ida Library, and Suzanne Krueger, Community Librarian, welcomed the board to Ida. Suzanne also shared information about the One Book-One Community programs scheduled around this year's selection, Station Eleven. Sam Struth of the Corl-Gaynier AMVETS Post #1942, Monroe, Michigan, presented the board with a 2017 Distinguished Service Award and highlighted several activities that were successfully funded due to the "Fine Thing to Do" program. The board thanked Mr. Struth for attending the board meeting and sharing information about their activities.

6. Consent Agenda -- Motion by Catharine Calder, supported by Larry Gregory, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented, including the December 2016, Financial Reports, and place on file. Motion carried.
   Motion by Catharine Calder, supported to Larry Gregory, to accept the correspondence and January/February 2017 Financial Reports and place on file. Motion carried.

7. Committee Reports

Finance Committee – The committee met prior to the board meeting with Director Bellaire to review financial reports for January/February as well as the financial correspondence. The reports are in a new format due to our migration to QuickBooks. We received about 50% of our budgeted revenue for 2017, not including the approximately $500,000 that we received at the end of 2016. We received approximately $100,000 as a penal fine distribution this month.

Facilities Committee − No meeting.

Policy and Personnel Committee – No meeting.

Technology Committee – No meeting.

Woodlands Update – Trustee Gregory indicated that he would be attending the Woodlands Governing Board meeting in Homer on Thursday.

Legislative Update – No news. A recap from MLA is in the board packet.

8. Unfinished Business – None.

9. New Business − Motion by Larry Gregory, supported by Secretary Calder, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending December 31, 2016 in the amount of $258,789.52. Motion carried.

Motion by Secretary Calder, supported by Trustee Gregory, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending January 31, 2017 in the amount of $184,518.74. Motion carried.

Motion by Secretary Calder, supported by Trustee Gregory, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending February 28, 2017 in the amount of $398,905.98. Motion carried.

Motion by Larry Gregory, supported by Catharine Calder to re-appoint Dale Williams to another term as a Citizen Representative to the MCLS Retiree Health Care Trust. Motion carried.

Motion by Secretary Calder, supported by Trustee Gregory to reappoint Bernie Smith to a one-year term as the Board representative on the MCLS Retiree Health Care Trust. Motion carried.

Motion by Larry Gregory, supported by Cathe Calder, to request that the Community Foundation of Monroe transfer the spendable balance back into the Mary Daume Scholarship Fund if a qualified candidate does not apply for the scholarship this year so that it can continue to grow. Motion carried.

Motion by Secretary Calder, supported by Trustee Gregory, to close all branches and departments on Friday, May 12 for a full day of training.

10. Director Bellaire shared that Bedford, Carleton, Dundee, Luna Pier, Newport will be submitting a Green Monroe Grant for gardens at each location. She indicated that Jodi Russ will be submitting a request to run a pilot program for public laminating at Bedford and that we are looking for funding sources for the purchase of AEDs (defibrillators) for locations that do not currently have them.

11. Board Comments

The board thanked Suzanne and Daneen for the warm welcome to Ida. Trustee Gregory said that he is glad to be back and that all is in hand. Secretary Calder welcomed Larry back, and thanked Suzanne for representing the Library in the One Book − One Community program. She also expressed her appreciation for our participation in the War of 1812 activities and the Adult Special Needs programs. Chair Bourque agreed with Ms. Calder, adding that we have the best staff anywhere.

12. Public comment − None.

13. Announcements
    Date of Next Board Meeting – April 10 @ 5 p.m. at the South Rockwood Branch, South Rockwood, Michigan.

14. Adjournment
    Motion by Trustee Gregory, supported by Secretary Calder to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Motion carried.

    Respectfully submitted,

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    Catharine Calder, Secretary

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    Maryanne Bourque, Chair