

## **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 12, 2018 at the Bedford Branch Library, the meeting was called to order by Chair Bourque at 5:06 p.m. Ms. Bourque declared that a quorum was present.

Present: Maryanne Bourque, Chair; Bernie Smith, Vice-Chair; Mike Grodi, Trustee; and Nancy Bellaire, Director

Excused: Catharine Calder, Secretary and Larry Gregory, Trustee

Staff: Lou Komorowski; Mary Vergowven; Barbra Krueger; Jodi Russ

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

2. Motion by Mrs. Smith, supported by Mr. Grodi to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Bernie Smith to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Bedford Community Librarian Jodi Russ shared information about space reallocation, the LED light project, and upcoming programs including opportunities for patrons to “check out” a garden bed.  
Reference Librarian Mary Vergowven gave the board updates on local history projects and recognized the projects that volunteers have taken on in recent months.  
Barbra Krueger updated the board on the third grade reading law and our plans to invite students to participate in family reading and summer reading events.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Bernie Smith, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented, including the January and February, 2018 Financial Reports, and place on file. Motion carried.
6. Committee Reports  
**Finance Committee** – Chair Bourque met with Director Bellaire prior to the board meeting to review the financial reports and Daume Scholarship applications. To date, we have received about 54% of anticipated revenue and expended about 14% of projected revenue with 16.6 % of the year behind us.  
**Facilities Committee** – No meeting.  
**Policy and Personnel Committee** – No meeting.  
**Technology Committee** – No meeting.  
**Woodlands Update** – No report.

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

7. Unfinished Business –Tax Tribunal Cost Sharing Agreement – no report.
8. New Business – Motion by Bernie Smith, supported by Mike Grodi, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending January 31, 2018 in the amount of \$235,343.28. Motion carried.  
Motion by Trustee Grodi, supported by Vice-Chair Smith, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending February 28, 2018 in the amount of \$416,557.48. Motion carried.  
Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Bernie Smith, to recommend awarding the Mary Daume Scholarship to applicants Jessica Hoffman and Penny Kazmierski in the amount of \$1500 to each. Motion carried.  
Motion by Vice-Chair Smith, supported by Trustee Grodi, to close all branches and departments on Friday, May 4 for a full day of training. Motion carried.
9. Director Bellaire shared photos from the Bedford Trade Fair, progress made on the Strategic Plan, and discussed recommended revisions to the MCLS Personnel Policy and Lincoln 457b document. The board also was given a preview of the Monroe Piers digital collection.
10. Board Comments  
The board thanked Jodi for hosting the meeting. Bernie Smith welcomed Mike Grodi to the board. Mike Grodi thanked the board for the warm welcome and said that he has been able to see first hand the enrichment that libraries bring to the community. Maryanne Bourque thanked the board for a good meeting and the staff for their hard work.
11. Public comment – None.
12. Announcements  
Date of Next Board Meeting – April 9 @ 5 p.m. at the Summerfield-Petersburg Branch, Petersburg, Michigan
13. Adjournment  
Motion by Trustee Grodi, supported by Vice-Chair Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bernie Smith, Vice-Chair

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Maryanne Bourque, Chair