

## **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 April 10, 2019, at the Ellis Library & Reference Center, the meeting was called to order by Chair Bourque at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Bourque declared that a quorum was present.

Present: Maryanne Bourque, Chair; Bernie Smith, Vice-Chair; Catharine Calder, Secretary; Mike Grodi, Trustee; Randy Kuckuck; and Nancy Bellaire, Director

Staff: Lou Komorowski; Paul Robinson  
Friend of MLCS: Beth LaPensee

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

2. Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Bernie Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Mike Grodi, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – MCLS Technology Department's Paul Robinson gave a brief demonstration of Office 365. Lou Komorowski welcomed the board to Ellis and shared information about upcoming programs. MCLS Friends President Beth LaPensee introduced herself and updated the board on the MCLS Friends recent reorganization.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion by Ms. Calder, supported by Bernie Smith, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented, including the March 2019, Financial Reports, and place on file. Motion carried.
6. Committee Reports  
**Finance Committee** – Secretary Calder reported that the committee met prior to the board meeting to review financial reports for March as well as the financial correspondence. She said that finances are on track for the year and that penal fines received this month were a little over \$125,000. A request to amend last month's motion for the new delivery truck appears on the agenda.  
**Facilities Committee** – Mike Grodi reported that the Dorsch front entryway has reopened. He complimented staff for the exterior spring cleanup underway at Ellis.  
**Policy and Personnel Committee** – No meeting.  
**Technology Committee** – No meeting.  
**Woodlands Update** – Nancy Bellaire reported that she plans to attend the Woodlands Advisory Council meeting on Thursday.

**Legislative Update** – The MLA legislative update was provided in the packet as well as information about proposed legislation introduced by Rep. Jason Sheppard that would provide liability protection for libraries that choose to carry and administer opioid antidotes. Trustee Grodi suggested contacting J.D. Wall of the Monroe Police department to help educate the board and staff on the realities of administering opioid antidotes.

7. Unfinished Business – No report on a possible Tax Tribunal Appeal Cost Sharing Agreement.
8. New Business – Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Secretary Calder, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending March 31, 2019 in the amount of \$431,145.40. Motion carried. Randy Kuckuck voted no as he would like to review library financial information in the form of a balance sheet report.  
Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Bernie Smith, to amend last month's motion to purchase of a Dodge Promaster in the amount not to exceed \$33,199, updating it to not to exceed. \$34,536. Motion carried with Randy Kuckuck abstaining, until he is able to see a balance sheet.
9. Director Bellaire announced that the Battlefield Library project will be announced to the public in May to coincide with Michigan Week. Additional discussion followed regarding opiate antidotes in libraries.
10. Board Comments  
Cathe Calder said that this is a great day for MCLS as we launch our new bookmobile with the help of so much community support and that she is looking forward to the launch of the Battlefield Library as well. Bernie Smith said that it has been so rewarding to see excitement building for the bookmobile dedication on social media. She agreed that the Battlefield and Library will be great partners and thanked Lou for his hospitality. Mike Grodi wished everyone a Happy National Library Week and said that it is obvious that the outreach staff is already doing a great job with the bookmobile.
11. Public comment – None.
12. Announcements  
Date of Next Board Meeting – May 8 @ 5 p.m. at the Frenchtown-Dixie Branch, Monroe, Michigan
13. Adjournment  
Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Randy Kuckuck to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catharine Calder, Secretary

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Maryanne Bourque, Chair