

**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 January 8, 2020 at the Ellis Library and Reference Center, the meeting was called to order by Chair Bourque at 5:06 p.m. Ms. Calder declared that a quorum was present.

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

Staff: Lou Komorowski; Barbra Krueger; Regina Manning; Mary Vergowven

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

2. Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Bernie Smith, to approve the agenda, moving item 9a to the March meeting. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Secretary Calder, supported by Vice-Chair Smith, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment
Ellis Reference Department Supervisor Lou Komorowski updated the board on activities, programs, and digital projects planned by the Reference Staff as well as volunteer historical indexing projects underway. He also discussed our partnerships with the Battlefield, Museum, and business community.
Reference Librarians Regina Manning and Mary Vergowven shared information about our new Biblioboard digital collection platform and invited the board to the public debut of the collection on February 10.
5. Board of Trustees Reorganization
The gavel was passed to Director Bellaire for the Election of Officers –
Motion by Maryanne Bourque, supported by Mike Grodi, to nominate Bernie Smith as Chair. Motion by Maryanne Bourque, supported by Mike Grodi, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bernie Smith as Chair. Motion carried.
The gavel was passed to Mrs. Smith.
Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Bernie Smith, to nominate Cathe Calder as Vice-Chair. Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Bernie Smith, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Cathe Calder for Vice-Chair. Motion carried.
Motion by Maryanne Bourque to nominate Mike Grodi for Secretary, supported by Bernie Smith. Mrs. Bourque moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Grodi as secretary. Supported by Bernie Smith. Motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda – Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Maryanne Bourque, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented, and place on file. Motion carried.
7. Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee** – The committee met just prior to the meeting. The year-end financial reports for 2019 are not yet ready. We received a \$104,231 penal fine distribution this month.
 - Facilities Committee** – No meeting.
 - Policy and Personnel Committee** – No meeting.
 - Technology Committee** – No meeting.
 - Woodlands Update** – No meeting.
 - Legislative Update** – Mike Grodi reported that a Senate bill was being discussed that would eliminate Michigan State Income taxes on pensions.
8. Unfinished Business – Tax Tribunal Appeal Cost Sharing: Nancy Bellaire gave a brief report regarding encouraging discussions between the City of Monroe and Detroit Edison. No request has been made yet for cost sharing of the Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeal.
9. New Business—Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Maryanne Bourque to proceed with plans to prepare for a request to renew our 8 year, 1 mill, operating millage to be placed on the August primary ballot. Motion carried.
10. Director Bellaire shared information about the 2020 PLA conference, which will be held in February in Nashville as well as the ALA conference which will take place in Chicago in late June. She shared photos of current branch activities.
11. Board Comments

The board thanked Lou, Regina, and Mary for their presentations. Mike Grodi thanked Lou and the Ellis staff for their hospitality and informed the board that he will be running for the position of Erie Township Supervisor. Maryanne Bourque congratulated Bernie as the new board chair and said that she has enjoyed her time as chair. Cathe Calder thanked Maryanne for her terms as chair and congratulated Bernie Smith. She said that she is so happy to hear about these new digital resources and looks forward to getting the word out about them. Bernie Smith thanked Maryanne for her leadership and the board for their support. She said that she is looking forward to another good year.
12. Public comment—Barbara Krueger updated the board on the Monroe County Census Task Force and our partnership with the Great Start Collaborative. She said that she will be doing a presentation for the County Commissioners in February and the Bookmobile will be available for tours before and after the meeting.
13. Announcements

Date of Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 11, @ 5 p.m. at the Summerfield-Petersburg Branch, 60 E. Center St., Petersburg, Michigan.
14. Adjournment

Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Mike Grodi to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Grodi, Secretary

Bernie Smith, Chair