

**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 11, 2020 at the Summerfield Petersburg Branch Library, the meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Calder at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Grodi declared that a quorum was present.

Present: Cathe Calder, Vice-Chair; Mike Grodi, Secretary; Maryanne Bourque, and Beth LaPensee, Trustees, and Nancy Bellaire, Director

Excused: Bernie Smith, Chair

Staff: Jodi Russ, Barbra Krueger, Ashley Liford, Lou Komorowski

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

2. Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Maryanne Bourque, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Maryanne Bourque, supported by Mike Grodi, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment
Summerfield Petersburg Community Librarian Ashley Liford welcomed the board to Petersburg and invited them to sample some sticky buns provided by the Friends of the Library. Ashley shared information about a successful year of programming as shown by a 152% increase in 2019 program attendance over 2018 attendance. She also told the board that the branch will be partnering with the YMCA to provide fitness classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week. Outreach Coordinator Barbra Krueger welcomed Beth LaPensee to the MCLS Board and shared information about our plans to provide bilingual census help to patrons in the coming weeks. She said that we have received the second of three planned donations from Promedica for the Bookmobile.
5. 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.
6. Committee Reports
Finance Committee – The committee met just prior to the meeting. We have received about 49% of our projected income for this year. We also received an \$80,830 penal fine distribution this week. We have spent 15.56% of our planned expenditures with 16.6% of the year complete.
Facilities Committee – No meeting.

Policy and Personnel Committee – No meeting.

Technology Committee – No meeting.

Woodlands Update – No meeting.

Legislative Update – Mike Grodi and Nancy Bellaire updated the board on MLA's support of recent proposed updates to Michigan's Library Privacy Law.

7. Unfinished Business – Tax Tribunal Appeal Cost Sharing. No update.
8. New Business–Motion by Maryanne Bourque, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve bills for the month ending January 31, 2020, in the amount of \$376,426.19. Motion carried.
Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Maryanne Bourque, to approve bills for the month ending on February 29, 2020, in the amount of \$420,679.47. Motion carried.
Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Maryanne Bourque, to recommend splitting the spendable balance recommended by the Community Foundation for the Mary Daume Scholarship between the two applicants pursuing a degree in Library Science, Kristen Brown and Bethany Turner. Motion carried.
Motion by Maryanne Bourque, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve closing all MCLS branches and departments on May 29 for a full day of staff training. Motion carried.
Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Maryanne Bourque, to approve the 457b Deferred Compensation proposal by the Michigan Employers Retirement System. Motion carried.
Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Beth LaPensee, to accept the administrative library closure policy. Motion carried.
Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Maryanne Bourque, to forgo a doctor's note after 5 days of illness until further review by the board. Motion carried.
Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Beth LaPensee, to thank Ms. Pagel for her communication to the board and confirm that our goals are similar, to provide safe, secure, and open access to our branches for all patrons. Motion carried.
Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Maryanne Bourque, to accept the ballot language as provided by Foster Swift. Motion carried.
9. Director Bellaire shared copies of our updated library card registration form. She also indicated that opioid antidote training is on the agenda for MCLS' All Staff Training day. A committee is being assembled to work on a disaster plan, which will be a supplement to our existing emergency manual. She shared a photo of a school art display at the Vivian Branch.
10. Board Comments
The board thanked Ashley and the Petersburg Friends for their hospitality and sticky buns. They also Jodi, and Barbra, for their participation in the board meeting. Mike Grodi welcomed Beth to the board and complimented Ashley on the 152% increase in program attendance. Beth LaPensee thanked the board for the warm welcome and said that she is happy to be joining the board. She also updated the board on some of the plans that the Friends of MCLS have been working on.
11. Public comment—None.

12. Announcements

Date of Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 5 p.m. at the Dundee Branch Library, 144 E. Main St, Dundee, Michigan.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Beth LaPensee to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Grodi, Secretary

Cathe Calder, Vice- Chair