

**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 10, 2021, at the Mary K. Daume Library Service Center and via Zoom Videoconference, the meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Grodi declared that a quorum was available to participate.

Present: Bernie Smith, Monroe County, Chair; Cathe Calder, Monroe County, Vice-Chair; Mike Grodi, Monroe County, Secretary; Beth LaPensee, Monroe County; Rob Peven, Monroe County, Trustees, and Nancy Bellaire, Director

Staff: Barbra Krueger; Liz Pifer, Diana Martel

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

2. Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment  
Barbra Krueger shared information about reading month activities, a book distribution project partnership, and April's pinwheels for child abuse prevention.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Mike Grodi to approve the items on the consent agenda including the December 2020, January 2021, and February 2021 financial reports, and place them on file. Motion carried.
6. Committee Reports  
**Finance Committee** – As of February 28, we have received about 31% of our projected income for this year, including about 38% of our tax levy. We have spent about 15% of our planned expenditures with 16.6% of the year complete. There is an action item on tonight's agenda relating to the Mary Daume Scholarship.  
**Facilities Committee** – No meeting.  
**Policy and Personnel Committee** – No meeting.  
**Technology Committee** – No meeting.  
**Woodlands Update** – Nancy Bellaire shared statistics from Tutor.com. Beth LaPensee said that the next Woodlands Governing Board meeting would take place on March 11.  
**Legislative Update** – No update. We are awaiting a policy recommendation from the Library of Michigan on the updates to the Library Privacy law.

7. Unfinished Business – Nancy Bellaire updated the board on the first reimbursement request from Frenchtown Township on the DET Tax Tribunal Appeal Cost Sharing agreement.
8. New Business–Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve bills for the month ending December 31, 2020, in the amount of \$266,674.76. Motion carried.  
Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Cathe Calder, to approve bills for the month ending January 31, 2021 in the amount of \$385,252.92. Motion carried.  
Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Rob Peven to approve bills for the month ending February 28 in the amount of \$299,025.99. Motion carried.  
Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Cathe Calder, to adopt a resolution of support for the Monroe County Intermediate School District’s Technology Millage renewal. Motion carried.  
Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Beth LaPensee, to recommend to the Community Foundation of Monroe that the Mary Daume Scholarship be awarded in the amount of \$1000 each to applicants Bethany Turner and Kristen Brown. Motion carried.
9. Director Bellaire shared more information about progress made on the strategic plan and said that she will be discussing the possibility of extending the end date on the strategic plan due to the Covid Pandemic. She noted that many of the projects accomplished in 2020, though driven by the pandemic, were in line with technology and outreach initiatives in the plan. She also highlighted the new graphing format for the monthly MCLS statistics report.
10. Board Comments  
Cathe Calder commended Director Bellaire for the Monroenews article regarding Dr. Seuss. Beth LaPensee invited the board to join her in September for the Quarry Challenge, a fundraiser for the South Rockwood Branch Friends of the Library.
11. Public comment—None.
12. Announcements  
Date of Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 5 p.m. at the Mary K. Daume Library Service Center, Monroe, MI and via Zoom Videoconference.
13. Adjournment  
Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Beth LaPensee to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Bernie Smith, Chair

---

Mike Grodi, Secretary