

**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 14, 2021, at the Mary K. Daume Library Service Center and via Zoom Videoconference, the meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Calder at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Grodi declared that a quorum was available to participate.

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

Excused: Bernie Smith, Chair

Staff: Barbra Krueger; Liz Pifer; Diana Martel; Lou Komorowski

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

2. Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment
Barbra Krueger shared information about a second story walk, this time in Bedford, under development, and a third in the planning stages in Carleton. She also announced that Youth Services Staff members had served as judges in the ISD's Young Author's program this year and she shared the new logo adopted by Monroe County.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Rob Peven to approve the items on the consent agenda and place them on file. Motion carried.
6. Committee Reports
Finance Committee – We have not yet received our March financial reports. Our audit is underway.
Facilities Committee – No meeting. A study is underway by the City of Monroe to evaluate space needs at the Opportunity Center and L.S. Navarre Branch Library. Factory flooring representatives were on site at Daume today to look at the bubbles in the Technology Department flooring.
Policy and Personnel Committee – No meeting.
Technology Committee – No meeting.

Woodlands Update – Beth LaPensee reported that the Woodlands Governing Board meeting was short and that they are planning to update their strategic plan in the next year.

Legislative Update – MLA has announced that they are in opposition to SB22 that would limit jurisdictions to two voting elections per year. MLA has orchestrated a virtual Legislative Day to be held on April 20. Nancy Bellaire will serve as moderator for the session for the 17th district meeting with Senator Dale Zorn. Directors from surrounding libraries will participate in our call as well.

7. Unfinished Business – None.
8. New Business–Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Mike Grodi, to adopt a resolution of support for the upcoming Monroe Museum Millage. Motion carried.
9. Director Bellaire announced that the City of Monroe has applied for a Federal “Earmark Grant” for the construction of a new facility to replace the L.S. Navarre Branch Library. This grant will be among several submitted from the region. Representative Tim Walberg will be given the opportunity to prioritize projects and will announce within weeks if this project makes it to the next round of consideration. Ms. Bellaire also updated the board on a partnership underway with Promedica that could help to provide Opioid Antidotes and lock boxes in branches. This will be long term, regional, project.
10. Board Comments–Beth LaPensee said that her employer is creating a survey that has the potential to be used for library patrons. She will share it with Nancy when it is ready. Mike Grodi said that he was grateful to be using a computer with greater volume this month and he enjoyed the Meeting Owl as well. Catharine Calder thanked all board members for their participation in the meeting.
11. Public comment—None.
12. Announcements
Date of Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5 p.m. at the Mary K. Daume Library Service Center, Monroe, MI and via Zoom Videoconference.
13. Adjournment
Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Mike Grodi, to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catharine Calder, Vice- Chair

Mike Grodi, Secretary