

**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 May 12, 2021, at the Mary K. Daume Library Service Center and via Zoom Videoconference, the meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 5:06 p.m. Mr. Grodi declared that a quorum was available to participate.

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

Trustee Beth LaPensee arrived at 5:10

Staff: Barbra Krueger

Staff on Zoom: Diana Martel, Jodi Russ

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

2. Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Rob Peven, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Mike Grodi, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment—None.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Rob Peven to approve the items on the consent agenda including the March 2021 financial reports, and place them on file. Motion carried.
6. Audit Report– Deborah Sabo of Cooley, Sabo, & Calkins, reviewed the audit report and accompanying letters with the board. She noted that it was a very clean opinion, the highest opinion you can receive. She thanked Sandy Calkins and Nancy Bellaire for their assistance in preparing the field work. The board thanked Ms. Sabo for the presentation and for attending the meeting.

Committee Reports:

7. **Finance Committee** – No meeting. As of March 31, we have received about 34% of our projected income for this year, including about 38% of our tax levy. We have spent about 23% of our planned expenditures with 25% of the year complete.

**Facilities Committee** – No meeting.

**Policy and Personnel Committee** – No meeting.

**Technology Committee** – No meeting.

**Woodlands Update** – No meeting.

**Legislative Update** – No update from Lansing. Nancy reported on the 2021 MLA Virtual Legislative Day.

8. **Unfinished Business** – None

9. New Business–Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve bills for the month ending March 31, 2021, in the amount of \$335,672.82. Motion carried.

Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Mike Grodi, to accept the audit for the year ending December 31, 2020 and place on file. Motion carried.

10. Staff report – Barbra Krueger thanked the board for their participation in the 2021 virtual All Staff Day. She announced that the Directions Credit Union has donated \$3000 for use in funding the 2021 Summer Reading Program.

11. Director Bellaire shared more information about the flooring in the Technology Department, a report from ALA, and MLA’s update on attempts underway to limit elections to two per year in Michigan.

12. Board Comments

Cathe Calder thanked Ms. Sabo for the audit report and also thanked Barbra for a bookmobile visit to Meadow Montessori. Rob Peven shared that he has had great success in viewing content on television using Kanopy and Hoopla. He also wondered how our MCLS experience might compare to some of the data he has seen on Internet behavior in the library as seen in a study published by the Columbus, Ohio libraries. Mike Grodi congratulated Nancy Bellaire on another great audit. Bernie Smith said that she is also pleased to hear about the audit and is looking forward to meeting again 100% in person.

13. Public comment—None.

14. Announcements

Date of Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 5 p.m. at the Mary K. Daume Library Service Center.

15. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Bernie Smith, Chair

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Mike Grodi, Secretary