

**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 June 9, 2021, at the Mary K. Daume Library Service Center and via Zoom Videoconference, the meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 5:03 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; Beth LaPensee; Rob Peven, Trustees, and Nancy Bellaire, Director

Staff: Barbra Krueger

Staff on Zoom: Jennifer Grudnoski; Lou Komorowski

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

2. Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Mike Grodi, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting and place on file. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment—None.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Beth LaPensee to approve the items on the consent agenda including the April 2021 financial reports, and place them on file. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

6. **Finance Committee** – No meeting. As of April 30, we have received about 35% of our projected income for this year, including about 37% of our tax levy. We have spent about 29% of our planned expenditures with 33.3% of the year complete. Penal fines are slowly recovering.  
**Facilities Committee** – No meeting.  
**Policy and Personnel Committee** – No meeting.  
**Technology Committee** – No meeting.  
**Woodlands Update** – Trustee LaPensee reported that the Governing Board discussed the State of Michigan’s Amazon Prime opportunities for Libraries, and essential employee status for Director Kate Andrade.  
**Legislative Update** – No update from Lansing. In the packet, Nancy passed along information from MLA on the State of Michigan’s economic forecast.
7. **Unfinished Business** – None

8. New Business—Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve bills for the month ending April 30, 2021, in the amount of \$273,692.88. Motion carried.

The board discussed communication from H.B.Fuller Construction Products, manufacturer of the CHAPCO Defender Product. Their report stated that their failure of the product in the Technology Department flooring system was due to hydrostatic pressure, as opposed to moisture vapor. Library Design's Matt deBear suggested that we reach out to an engineer for a recommendation on how to proceed. The board directed Nancy Bellaire to contact our Daume architectural team at TMP for advice and expressed their disappointment that the Defender product did not work, despite the assurances that it would be the solution to our flooring issue in 2015.

9. Staff report – Barbra Krueger revealed a copy of this year's Summer Reading Program Log, and discussed a partnership with Washtenaw and Monroe County to work on Alzheimer's awareness.
10. Director Bellaire shared information about Federal American Rescue Plan Act grant application deadlines, MCLS statistics, and pop up in-person programs for the summer. She also shared a photo of Petersburg's new electronic sign.
11. Board Comments  
The board exchanged greetings and there were no other comments.
12. Public comment—Barbra Krueger thanked the board again for their video contributions to All Staff Day and said that remote viewing has been strong, with over 60% of the staff participating in the training sessions already.
13. Announcements  
Date of Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 5 p.m. at the Mary K. Daume Library Service Center.
14. Adjournment  
Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Beth LaPensee, to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bernie Smith, Chair

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Mike Grodi, Secretary