

**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 December 15, 2021 at the Mary K. Library Service Center, the meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 5:15 p.m. Secretary Grodi called roll.

Present: Bernie Smith, Chair; Catharine Calder, Vice-Chair; Mike Grodi, Secretary; Beth LaPensee, Trustee; Rob Peven, Trustee; and Nancy Bellaire, Director

Staff: Lou Komorowski; Barbra Krueger

Staff on Zoom: Ashley Liford; Liz Pifer; Amanda Draganic; David Ross; Marsha Langenderfer

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

2. Motion by Ms. Calder, supported by Mr. Grodi, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Mike Grodi, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Secretary Grodi, supported by Trustee Peven, to open the public Hearing on the Proposed 2022 Budget at 5:18 p.m. Motion carried. The budget has been available at all branch libraries and a notice of tonight's hearing was published in the Monroe News. There was no public comment. Motion by Secretary Grodi, supported by Trustee LaPensee, to close the public hearing at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried.
5. There was no public comment.
6. Consent Agenda – Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Beth LaPensee, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
7. Committee Reports
  - Finance Committee** – Ms. Calder reported that the Finance Committee did not meet, but that the 2022 budget is on the agenda for approval as well as a few year-end budget transfers. The November financial statement and penal fine report are included. Penal fine revenue was up about \$43,000 from 2020 totals, but still over \$500,000 short of pre-Covid revenue.
  - Facilities Committee** – Mr. Grodi reported that two of the three replacement doors at Daume have been installed.
  - Policy and Personnel Committee** – Policy and Personnel plan to meet in the next month to review the draft Patron Behavior Policy revisions.

**Technology Committee** – No meeting.

**Woodlands Update** – The Woodlands audit was presented at the last Governing Board meeting and Director Kate Andrade’s performance review as conducted. Woodlands will be coordinating a group purchase of movie licenses for 2022.

**Legislative Update** – No update.

8. Unfinished Business – Draft Patron Behavior revisions are under review for January meeting.

9. New Business

Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve bills for the month ending November 30, 2021, in the amount of \$236,267.30. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Beth LaPensee, approve the draft board meeting schedule for 2022. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Calder, supported by Mr. Grodi, to approve the resolution concerning 2021 year-end budget adjustments. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Beth LaPensee, to adopt the resolution regarding the proposed budget for 2022. Motion carried.

Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Mike Grodi, to appoint Bernie Smith to the MCLS Retiree Health Care Board for a one-year term. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Cathe Calder, to extend the two-week Emergency Sick Leave provisions for 2022, to mirror the 2020 and 2021 provisions for vaccinated employees, unless replaced by State or Federal action. This leave is available for vaccinated employees unless a medical exemption signed by a qualified medical professional is provided. Motion carried.

10. Barbra Krueger updated the board on our new library card form written in Spanish as well as programs presented in Spanish. She also shared promotional materials on inclusion and diversity.

11. Mrs. Bellaire shared a photo of the historical marker honoring Dr. Dorsch, found in the annual report of the City of Monroe’s Downtown Development Authority. She distributed program materials including several book club schedules and announced that the County of Monroe has received approval for the “Monroe Loop” bike trail that will pass through the Ellis Library grounds.

12. Comments

The board exchanged best wishes for the holidays and thanked Nancy Bellaire and staff for their work on the budget. Mike Grodi recounted a recent trip to the Boston Public Library. Cathe Calder said that she loved the book club announcements, reflecting quality and diversity. She said that it has been a momentous year and offered her wishes for a good rest of the year. Beth LaPensee said that it was nice to see the bookmobile in the Dundee holiday parade. Bernie Smith thanked Nancy and the board for their work this year and that she is looking forward to the New Year.

13. Announcements

Date of Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 12, 2022 @ 5 p.m. at the Ellis Library and Reference Center, Monroe, Michigan

14. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Grodi, Secretary

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Bernie Smith, Chair