

**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 9, 2022, at the Mary K. Daume Library Service Center, the meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Calder at 5:03 p.m. She declared that a quorum was available to participate.

Present: Cathe Calder, Vice-Chair; Beth LaPensee; Rob Peven, Trustees, and Nancy Bellaire, Director

Excused: Bernie Smith, Chair; Mike Grodi, Secretary

Staff: Barbra Krueger; Lou Komorowski

Staff on Zoom: Liz Pifer; Diana Martel; David Ross; Ashley Liford

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

2. Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Rob Peven, to approve the agenda as amended to table the election of officers. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – none
5. Consent Agenda – Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Rob Peven, to approve the items on the consent agenda including the December 2021, January 2022, and February 2022, financial reports, and place them on file. Motion carried.
6. Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee** – As of February 28, we have received about 63% of our projected income for this year, including about 76% of our tax levy. We have spent about 16% 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. Rob Strimbel, Maintenance Department Head, has contacted a local cement contractor to ask about the Daume sidewalk that has heaved in the cold weather. Their advice is to reevaluate after the freeze/thaw cycles are over for the year.
 - Policy and Personnel Committee** – No meeting.
 - Technology Committee** – No meeting.

Woodlands Update – Beth LaPensee said that the next Woodlands Governing Board meeting would take place on March 17.

Legislative Update – Nancy Bellaire reported that she participated in MLA’s Legislative Day on March 1.

7. Unfinished Business – None.

8. New Business–Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Rob Peven, to approve bills for the month ending December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$399,622.96. Motion carried.

Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve bills for the month ending January 31, 2022 in the amount of \$447,709.91. Motion carried.

Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Rob Peven, to approve bills for the month ending February 28, 2022, in the amount of \$303,789.43. Motion carried.

Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Rob Peven, to clarify that unused Covid Leave is available to “fully vaccinated” employees as defined by the CDC. At this time, that means 2 shots, but if in the future, this changes to vaccinated and boosted, our requirements would change as well. Motion carried.

Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Rob Peven, to recommend to the Community Foundation of Monroe that the Mary Daume Scholarship be awarded in the amount of \$1,500 each to applicants Bethany Turner and Kristen Brown. Motion carried.

Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Beth LaPensee, to direct Nancy Bellaire to submit a letter of support for the Monroe Area Loop Trail. Motion carried.

9. Staff Report –Barbra Krueger updated the board on plans for the 2022 Summer Reading Program, Oceans of Possibilities, as well as a partnership with the ISD-“Book Bag Bonanza”, and our plans to help judge the Young Authors Contest again this year.

10. Director Bellaire shared materials on the One Book One Community activities, as well as early statistics and comments regarding the Big Gig tribute to 35 years of Blues programming and Bill Reiser. She announced that branch managers will participate in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training on March 17.

11. Board Comments

Beth LaPensee said that she is enjoying the online progress reports on the carpet replacement at the Bedford Branch. Cathe Calder thanked and complimented Nancy Bellaire for preparing the staff for First Amendment Audits.

12. Public comment—None.

13. Announcements

Date of Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5 p.m. at the Mary K. Daume Library Service Center, Monroe, MI..

14. Adjournment

Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Beth LaPensee to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathe Calder, Vice-Chair

Beth LaPensee, Trustee