

**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 11, 2022, at the Bedford Branch Library, the meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 5:00 p.m. She declared that a quorum was available to participate.

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

Staff: Barbra Krueger; Lou Komorowski; Jodi Russ; Marsha Langenderfer

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

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

2. Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Mike Grodi, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Cathe Calder, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Representatives of Directions Credit Union presented the Board with a donation in the amount of \$3000 to be used for the purchase of Summer Reading prize books. Photos were taken of the presentation.
5. Board of Trustees Reorganization  
Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Mike Grodi, to nominate Cathe Calder as Chair. Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Mike Grodi, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Cathe Calder as Chair. Motion carried.  
Motion by Bernie Smith, supported by Mike Grodi, to nominate Rob Peven as Vice-Chair. Motion by Bernie Smith, supported by Mike Grodi, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Rob Peven for Vice-Chair. Motion carried.  
Motion by Cathe Calder to nominate Beth LaPensee for Secretary, supported by Bernie Smith. Ms. Calder moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Beth LaPensee as secretary. Supported by Bernie Smith. Motion carried.  
Chair Calder will announce committee assignments by the next meeting.
6. Consent Agenda – Motion by Mike Grodi, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve the items on the consent agenda and place them on file. Motion carried.
7. Committee Reports  
**Finance Committee** – Ms. Calder reported that she met with Director Bellaire prior to the meeting to review the April financial reports and penal fines as well as a quote for repair or replacement of a roof top unit at Daume. She said that we have received about

93% of our property tax revenue, earlier than usual. Penal fines for April were more than \$40,000 lower than an average April.

**Facilities Committee** – No meeting. The quote for repair/replacement of the roof top unit was discussed. Additional quotes will be sought and an evaluation of the remaining units is planned.

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

**Technology Committee** – No meeting.

**Woodlands Update** – Director Kate Andrade has asked for input on the next strategic plan for Woodlands

**Legislative Update** – No report.

8. Unfinished Business – None.
9. New Business–Motion by Bernie Smith, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve bills for the month ending March 31, 2022, in the amount of \$471,181.45. Motion carried.

Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Mike Grodi, to approve bills for the month ending April 30, 2022, in the amount of \$218,654/93. Motion carried.

10. Staff Report – Barbra Krueger discussed a new local business program called Launch 734 and walked the board through the website. She told the board about a patron that loved the bookmobile so much that a video of the bookmobile was prominent in a video created for her birthday. Barbra distributed a summer reading brochure as well.

Community Librarian Jodi Russ welcomed the board to Bedford and suggested that they take a look at the new carpet, study rooms, and modifications to the circulation and reference desks before leaving. She said that the Bedford Township Library Advisory Board is planning to seek permission to request the renewal of their maintenance millage this year.

11. Director Bellaire said that our audit is complete except for the GASB 74 and 75 section from the actuarial firm. She said that an opiate antidote committee has formed to review suggested policy wording from Foster Swift and that the All Staff Training team is working on a training unit on the topic. Nancy will forward information on ALA to the board. She announced that she and Shannen McMahon will attend the MAPERS spring workshop from May 21-24 in Traverse City, representing our Retiree Health Care Trust.

12. Board Comments

The board said that they were glad to be meeting in branches again. Rob Peven said that the Bedford Branch is busy and beautiful and that he was greeted at the desk. Cathe Calder thanked Barbra for bringing the bookmobile to Meadow Montessori. She said that the bookmobile was the rock star of their event.

13. Public comment—Marsha Langenderfer updated the board on an outreach opportunity that she created by meeting with the Erie Marsh Birdwatching Group. She did a demonstration of our new bird database. She also said that one of the Bedford Bookclubs was mentioned in a patron's obituary as a favorite hobby of the individual.

14. Announcements

Date of Next Board Meeting – June 8, 2022 at 5 p.m. at the Carleton Branch Library,  
1444 Kent St, Carleton, MI.

15. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Catharine Calder, Chair

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Beth LaPensee, Secretary