

**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 10, 2023, at the Ida Branch Library, the meeting was called to order by Chair Calder at 5:06 p.m. She declared that a quorum was available to participate.

Present: Cathe Calder, Chair; Rob Peven, Vice-Chair; Beth LaPensee, Secretary, arrived at 5:21; Bernie Smith, and Rita Gordon, Trustees, and Nancy Bellaire, Director

Staff: Barbra Krueger; Lou Komorowski; Suzanne Krueger

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

2. Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Rita Gordon, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Rita Gordon, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 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. Consent Agenda – Motion by Bernie Smith, supported by Rita Gordon, to approve the items on the consent agenda and place them on file. Motion carried.
6. Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee** – Ms. Calder reported that the Finance Committee met with Director Bellaire prior to the meeting to review recent financial reports and penal fines as well as a quotes for a new delivery truck. She said that we have received about 90% of our property tax revenue. Penal fines for April were more than \$40,000 lower than an average April.
 - Facilities Committee** – No meeting.
 - Policy and Personnel Committee** – No meeting, but the committee reviewed the Collection Development Policy and Request for Reconsideration procedures.
 - Technology Committee** – No meeting.
 - Woodlands Update** – The Overdrive statewide reciprocal borrowing plan is now online and functional.
 - Legislative Update** – Nancy Bellaire and Barbra Kreuger met with Sen. Joe Bellino and the Legislative Aide to Rep. Bruck in Lansing on Legislative Day. Discussions revolved around services, funding, and intellectual freedom.
7. Unfinished Business – None.

8. New Business–Motion by Bernie Smith, supported by Rita Gordon, to approve bills for the month ending March 31, 2023, in the amount of \$380,187.13. Motion carried.
Motion by Rita Gordon, supported by Rob Peven, to approve bills for the month ending April 30, 2023, in the amount of \$265,798.02. Motion carried.
Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Bernie Smith, to retain 1/3 of the spendable amount of the Daume Scholarship authorized in March, until the 2024 award season, at the Community Foundation of Monroe, due to the postponement of schooling for the applicant. Motion carried.
Motion by Bernie Smith, supported by Beth LaPensee, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to purchase a Ford E-350 Cutaway Box truck from Brondes Ford, at a cost of approximately \$52,420. Motion carried.
9. Staff Report – Barbra Krueger added detail regarding the donations by the Directions Credit Union. She said that MCLS added approximately \$1500 to the \$3000 donation to purchase 1900 books for the Summer Reading Program. She shared samples of the ISD’s Young Author submissions and information about the Ukraine: War and Resistance Photo Exhibit in Carleton, May 15-27, funded by the Fulbright Program in Ukraine.
10. Director Bellaire said that our audit is complete except for the GASB 74 and 75 section from the actuarial firm. She shared photos from the Library Advocacy Day in Lansing, information about active shooter training taking place in branches, and announced that she will attend the MAPERS spring workshop from May 21-23 in Kalamazoo, representing our Retiree Health Care Trust. She also updated the board on a pilot for summer Sunday hours in Bedford.
11. Board Comments
The board said that they were glad to be meeting in Ida. Rita Gordon said that in addition to the board meeting in Maybee next month, they are preparing for “Maybee Day”, May 13. Beth LaPensee and Cathe Calder said that they were looking forward to attending the All Staff Day training event. Cathe Calder thanked Barbra Krueger for bringing the bookmobile to Meadow Montessori. She said that the bookmobile continues to be a hit!
12. Public comment – none.
13. Announcements
All Staff Training Day – May 12, Ellis Library & Reference Center, at 9 a.m.
Date of Next Board Meeting – June 14, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the Maybee Branch Library, 9060 Raisin St., Maybee, MI.
14. Adjournment
Motion by Rob Peven, supported by Rita Gordon, to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catharine Calder, Chair

Beth LaPensee, Secretary