

Mission Statement

To offer innovative ways to make the library and its services accessible to members of our diverse communities.

GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

At

Genesee District Library – Flushing Area Location

5:30 p.m.

120 N Maple St

Flushing, MI 48433

August 20, 2007

Minutes

- Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.
- Present: Cotton, Cronin, Green, Ingles, Johnson, Moss and Nealy.
- Also Present: M. Gildner (Corporation Counsel), C. Nash, A. Goldyn, R. Long, C. Warren, P. Peterson, and K. Richards. Public: P. Korthals.
- Absent: Colden.
- Public Comments: None.
- Introduction: C. Nash introduced the Flushing branch librarian, F. Gulley. C. Nash stated we have another librarian assigned to Flushing, J. Schu, who is a relatively new librarian.
- Approval of Consent Agenda:
- a. Chairperson A. Ingles called for approval of the Consent Agenda. A. Moss asked to have the minutes removed from the consent agenda so that corrections can be discussed. A. Moss moved to accept the consent agenda with the removal of the minutes. Motion supported by J. Cronin. Motion carried.
 - b. The July Financial Reports were approved as presented.
 - c. The July Detailed General Ledger checks were approved.
- Minutes:
- A. Moss asked that the following changes be made to the July 16, 2007 minutes: that we refer, at least once, to L. Werner, we identify that the L. stands for Lance for the first time in the “also present” section.
- The policy committee section should read: K. Colden stated the committee met to discuss the board meeting agenda. K. Colden stated the committee suggested that all questions regarding the written reports should be directed to the Executive Director. The Executive Director may choose to direct questions to staff members. Board members are encouraged to contact the Executive Director with any questions prior to the board meeting. G. Cotton believes the board should adopt the recommendation and A. Ingles stated it would be adopted. K. Colden stated the policy committee should meet to further review board policies; however, she withdrew her statement after quizzes by A. Moss on what items, indicating that those had already been listed in the policy, and therefore she stated it appeared there was no need to have another review of the policy.
- The first sentence in the written reports section should read: G. Cotton inquired if there was anything new to report and C. Nash stated there was not.

Minutes (continued): The second sentence of the second paragraph in the board comments section should read: “So when they asked for a delay, there was no paperwork, as was just shown to me now, nor was it included in your (A. Ingles) paperwork that you sent to the board, indicating that you felt that the Personnel Committee was wrong in the actions they took.”

The sixth sentence of the second paragraph in the board comments section should read: “That letter I was only shown at today’s meeting, committee meeting in the Policy Committee meeting. At the board meeting last month we were given the impression that a recommendation was supposed to be forthcoming from the Personnel Committee and the fact that they asked for a one month delay. It was a personal reason that none of us were given at the time, I recognize.”

The last sentence of the second paragraph in the board comments section should read: A. Moss stated: “the letter...okay your interpretation of it is ‘firm’, I take a different interpretation.”

A. Moss moved to approve the minutes with the suggested corrections. Motion supported by C. Johnson. J. Cronin asked for clarification on the policy committee section about the adoption of the committee’s recommendation because the board did not vote. A. Ingles stated the committee simply asked for a head nod. A. Moss stated it was not intended to be a policy change. J. Cronin asked for clarification on the Corporation Counsel’s letter to the board members. M. Gildner stated that P. Parker’s letter to the board members was given to them using attorney-client privilege. J. Cronin asked for clarification on the floating collection discussed in the strategic plan update and about the staff’s reaction regarding that change. A. Ingles asked that J. Cronin reserve that question for the written reports section. A. Ingles stated she felt there was no need to re-write the minutes after the fact. A. Ingles called for a vote. Motion failed. A. Ingles called for a motion to approve the minutes as written. G. Nealy moved to approve the minutes as written. Motion supported by A. Ingles. A. Ingles called for a vote with a show of hands. Motion failed. A. Ingles requested the administration compare the tape from the July meeting against the proposed changes and give a report at the September meeting. A. Ingles asked M. Gildner if it was possible to delay approving the minutes and he replied when there is a dispute, such as this, that it is possible to delay approval.

Board Development: None.

MMLC: A. Ingles stated a meeting was not held this month.

Corporation Counsel: Nothing to report. A. Moss inquired if corporation counsel could investigate the letters received from J. Cronin and J. Green. M. Gildner stated that if the board requested it, an investigation could be completed. A. Moss moved to have Corporation Counsel investigate the statements from board members. Motion supported by C. Johnson. Discussion. A. Ingles called for a vote with a show of hands: ayes: Cronin, Green, Johnson and Moss; nays: Cotton, Ingles and Nealy. Motion failed.

GDL Foundation: A. Moss stated a meeting was held on July 24th and it was established there are not enough members to make a quorum. A. Moss stated the next meeting is scheduled for September 19th and by then there should be enough members to make a quorum to discuss the direction of the GDL Foundation.

Written Reports: C. Nash stated a dinner is being planned for K. Colden after the September board meeting and further details would be forthcoming.

Written Reports
(continued):

A. Moss inquired about C. Nash's overall impression from recent branch visits and the suggestions or comments made by staff. C. Nash stated some of the remarks were branch specific; some wanted more staff; while others had problems with local governmental agencies that required Administrative assistance; some wanted new services; it was a varied range.

A. Moss inquired if the security flip-charts were ready yet. C. Nash replied it is not quite ready yet because the committee has one more meeting. C. Nash stated letters will go to local governmental units requesting a meeting to discuss any remaining security issues.

A. Moss inquired about the publicity for Target's Children's Book Festival on August 25th. C. Nash replied that they are providing most of the posters, we have it posted on our website, fliers were handed out at our Crossroads Village event last Sunday, and Target had a full-page ad in Sunday's newspaper.

A. Moss stated she was pleased to note that GDL's contribution rate to the Retirement Commission is reduced for 2008.

A. Moss inquired about the removal of the self-check out machines and how the problem would be resolved. C. Nash replied that the old self-checkout machines were old and did not always function properly; however, with the software the new self-checkouts will be more compatible and will not be big, bulky machines. A. Moss inquired about security issues with DVD's on the self-checkouts and C. Nash replied that it would be a procedural issue.

A. Moss inquired about the number of work orders for Fenton and Genesee Valley. C. Nash replied that Genesee Valley had several planned power outages where the IT department had to ensure that the power-up happened smoothly and Fenton had software issues.

Finance Committee: Nothing to report.

Marketing Committee: Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee: J. Cronin stated she would like to resign as the chair of the personnel committee, as well as her seat on the marketing committee. J. Cronin stated she believes there is no value being on a committee, particularly when they meet and work fairly and honestly to do their job and are overruled; it becomes a waste of everyone's time.

Policy committee: Nothing to report.

Fall Branch Tour: A. Ingles stated everyone had received a list of possible tour dates and asked they be returned to C. Nash.

Form L-4029 Tax Assessment: G. Cotton moved to approve the annual L-4029 form to collect local tax revenue. Motion supported by J. Cronin. Motion carried.

Board Comments: A. Moss stated that Grand Blanc Township has made the board appointments for September 1st. She stated that C. Johnson has been re-appointed and T. Smiley has been appointed to replace K. Colden, who did not seek re-appointed.

Adjournment: 6:00 p.m.