

**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 Headquarters**

**5:30 p.m.**

**4195 West Pasadena Avenue**

**Flint, MI 48504**

**April 20, 2009**

**Minutes**

- Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.
- Present: Cotton, Cronin, Ingles, Johnson, Nealy and Smiley (via telephone).
- Also Present: P. Parker (Corporation Counsel), S. Kidd (Auditor), C. Nash, A. Goldyn, R. Long, R. Morgan, C. Warren and P. Peterson.
- Absent: Green.
- Public Comments: None.
- Approval of  
Consent Agenda:
- a. Chairperson called for the approval of the Consent Agenda with the caveat of moving the 2008 audit report before board development. G. Nealy moved to approve the agenda. Motion supported by A. Ingles. Roll call: ayes – Cotton, Cronin, Ingles, Johnson and Nealy; nays - none.
  - c. The March Financial Reports were approved as presented.
  - d. The March Check Register was approved.
  - e. Chairperson stated he received correspondence from A. Moss. The letter from A. Moss was dated April 1, and stated she has moved out of Genesee County and is no longer eligible to serve on the GDL board. G. Cotton passed the letter around for other board members to read.
- 2008 Audit Report: G. Cotton introduced S. Kidd, an auditor from the accounting firm of Lewis & Knopf. S. Kidd briefly reviewed the audit report and answered questions from the board. J. Cronin thanked S. Kidd and R. Long for doing a good job.
- Board Development: P. Parker stated that on April 16<sup>th</sup> the Genesee County Equalization Department released the 2009 taxable value report. He stated that there is a three percent decrease over the previous year's values, which will affect the amount of tax revenue we will receive.
- MMLC: Nothing to report.
- Corporation Counsel: P. Parker had G. Cotton sign the Swartz Creek lease and service agreement and the Tyrone Township service agreement.
- GDL Foundation: G. Cotton stated he will get with individual board members about finding a replacement for A. Moss on the foundation.

Written Reports: C. Johnson inquired about having other interns from local a college. C. Nash replied that Wayne State and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor are the only ones to offer the MLS program. C. Nash stated that it takes a lot of training and supervision to have an intern work at GDL and it has been discussed in Administrative meetings.

J. Cronin inquired about the number of branches. C. Warren stated the Fenton Children’s Center is counted separate.

P. Peterson stated that today we were awarded a \$6000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for a Big Read project in 2010 based on Tom Sawyer.

C. Johnson inquired about the location of the Michael Saint gardening programs. P. Peterson stated that tomorrow he would be at Grand Blanc; on Thursday he would be at Headquarters; next Tuesday he will be at Fenton, and all three programs begin at 7 p.m.

G. Cotton inquired about the Juan Williams program on Friday. P. Peterson stated that there were over 200 people that attended the event. P. Peterson stated that we had a very diverse group due to the media sponsorship with Michigan Radio.

J. Cronin inquired about the insurance claim for the water damaged books at Beecher. R. Long stated it was children’s books that were damaged and the estimated replacement cost is minimal.

Finance Committee: G. Cotton stated he met with T. Smiley and G. Nealy on April 16 to review the audit report with S. Kidd. He stated that A. Moss attended the meeting and recommended the board approve the audit report as presented.

Marketing Committee: Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report.

Policy committee: Nothing to report.

Retiree Trust: G. Cotton asked that discussion be tabled until he has had a chance to meet with C. Nash and R. Long to discuss the matter.

Lease and Service Agreement: P. Parker stated there has been some progress and set backs with the signing of the lease and service agreements. He also stated there are a couple of local units claiming they can not afford the expense to keep their local library open.

C. Nash stated that Atlas Township and Goodrich are disagreeing about the contribution amount to maintain the Goodrich library. She also stated that Mount Morris Township still does not want to contribute anything for the upkeep of the Beecher library.

2008 Audit Report: G. Cotton called for a motion on the 2008 audit report. G. Nealy moved to accept the audit report as presented. Motion supported by J. Cronin. Roll call: ayes – Cotton, Cronin, Ingles, Johnson, Nealy and Smiley; nays – none.

Closed Session: J. Cronin moved to enter into closed session at 6:08 p.m to discuss the status of the current union negotiations. Motion supported by C. Johnson. Roll call: ayes – Cotton, Cronin, Ingles, Johnson, Nealy and Smiley; nays – none.

Open Session: The board moved into open session at 6:26 p.m.

Board Comments: G. Cotton thanked and commended A. Moss for her years of service on the GDL Board of Trustees.

Adjournment: 6:31 p.m.