

Mission Statement

To be a community destination for traditional and online resources which empower and enrich the individual.

GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

At

Genesee District Library Headquarters

5:30 p.m.

4195 West Pasadena Avenue

Flint, MI 48504

December 21, 2015

Minutes

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Present: Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Frazier, Lane and Ryals-Massey.

Also Present: P. Parker (Corporation Counsel), K. Williams (Labor Attorney), D. Conklin, A. Goldyn, J. Schwarz, and E. Button. Public: A. Staggs.

Absent: Conerly-Moon.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of

Consent Agenda: W. Frazier moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion supported by L. Ryals-Massey. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Development: P. Parker spoke about the proposed millage law changes that would no longer allow voter information to be handed out 60 days prior to the election. C. Lane stated that the bank account for the millage committee has been set-up and if anyone wants to make a donation, make the check payable to GDL Supporter.

MMLC: Nothing to report.

Corporation Counsel: Nothing to report.

GDL Foundation: W. Frazier stated a meeting was held earlier this month. She stated the foundation is making donations to various branches.

Written Reports: L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the Linden librarian making a bookcase for the branch. D. Conklin stated that he volunteered his time on his day off to do that work.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the proposed State Senate bills to restore funding lost to local TIFA's (Tax Increment Financing Authorities). D. Conklin stated he has contacted the Genesee County Treasurer's Office regarding the dollar amounts lost to local TIFA's; however, he has not been able to get an answer from them. C. Lane suggested that D. Conklin contact P. Nolde in the Equalization Department to get an answer. D. Conklin stated that he has contacted P. Nolde, but he was directed to the Treasurer's Department. He further stated that there has been a lot of staffing changes in the Treasurer's Department and no one is sure about the TIFA's.

L. Ryals-Massey stated it is so regrettable what is happening to the Beecher library building. C. Lane suggested that the local municipalities look into community block grants to make improvements to the buildings.

Written Reports
(continued):

L. Ryals-Massey inquired if we have received any paperwork from a lawyer in regards to the patron that had an accident at the Davison Library. D. Conklin replied he had not. P. Parker stated that GDL really has no legal responsibility as the City of Davison owns and maintains the building.

M. Armstrong inquired about the award nomination by Priority Children and D. Conklin stated we will find out who wins at their breakfast in February.

R. Crites inquired about an annual equipment replacement report. A. Goldyn replied that the report was emailed to the board on December 11.

M. Armstrong inquired about the mileage reimbursement form. A. Goldyn replied that it can be turned in on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired about a payment made to Library Design Associates. D. Conklin replied that it was for the new chairs at Headquarters, courtesy of the GDL Foundation.

2016 Program List:

L. Ryals-Massey thanked E. Button for preparing this report.

Monthly Statistics:

D. Conklin stated he will email the monthly statistics to the board members.

Finance Committee:

C. Lane stated the committee recommends the board pass the 2016 budget as presented. C. Lane also stated that she appreciates the fact that the Finance Manager has made recommendations to set aside money to reduce the OPEB liability; however, she would like to see more be added to the account than what is being recommended.

Marketing Committee:

Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee:

L. Ryals-Massey stated that a meeting will be held on Friday, January 8 at 5:30 at the Grand Blanc-McFarlen location. She stated this meeting is strictly for the Personnel Committee members and the Board Chairperson in order to compile the responses for the Director's evaluation.

Policy Committee:

S. Bennett stated that she and W. Frazier met with D. Conklin to review the proposed changes to the policy manual. S. Bennett stated that they will meet again in January. W. Delaney inquired about receiving a marked up copy to review. D. Conklin replied that the entire manual has been revamped and that providing a marked up copy is not feasible. D. Conklin stated that there are references in the proposed manual to the current manual and at the request of the Policy Committee he is preparing a summary of changes.

2016 Budget:

C. Lane moved to approve the budget as presented. Motion supported by L. Ryals-Massey. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEB Liability

Recommendation:

A. Goldyn stated she is recommending that another \$100,000 be transferred to the restricted account to further reduce the OPEB liability. C. Lane suggested that after the 2015 audit report has been completed that this topic be revisited. C. Lane moved to approve the transfer. Motion supported by M. Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Millage

Ballot Language:

P. Parker stated the proposed ballot language was prepared by D. Figura, but the TIFA information is missing. W. Delaney stated that he believes that final ballot language needs to be approved by May 2016. P. Parker replied that is correct. W. Delaney stated that this will be moved to the January agenda under Unfinished Business. C. Lane thanked P. Parker for combining both millage rates into one.

Black History Month
Brunch Update:

E. Button stated that the headlining act has been secured. She stated that several companies have agreed to help sponsor the event. She stated that the advertising campaign has begun on local radio and TV.

M. Armstrong inquired about table assignments. E. Button stated that when tickets are sold, the table assignment does not change. E. Button stated she would look into the matter further.

Closed Session:

C. Lane moved to enter into closed session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss the status of the union contract negotiations. Motion supported by R. Crites. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Frazier, Lane and Ryals-Massey; nays – none.

Open Session:

C. Lane moved to return to open session at 7:07 p.m. Motion supported by Ryals-Massey. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Frazier, Lane and Ryals-Massey; nays – none.

Board Comments:

Armstrong wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Adjournment:

Armstrong moved to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion supported by R. Crites. Motion carried.