

GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

At

Genesee District Library Headquarters

5:30 p.m.

4195 West Pasadena Avenue

Flint, MI 48504

December 18, 2017

Minutes

Call to Order: 5:45 p.m.

Present: Armstrong, Delaney, Jones, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky.

Also Present: C. Stritmatter (Corporation Counsel), D. Conklin and A. Goldyn.

Absent: S. Bennett, V. Conerly-Moon, and R. Crites.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of
Consent Agenda: W. Delaney stated that the lease renewal under new business is being removed from the agenda because it is not available. L. Ryals-Massey moved to accept the minutes with a minor grammatical correction. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Development: Nothing to report.

MMLC: Nothing to report.

Corporation Counsel: C. Stritmatter stated that the lease and service agreements have been sent out to the municipalities. He stated that Davison has returned it and Flint Township has requested a copy of the 2008 agreement.

C. Stritmatter stated that M. Gildner would be meeting with D. Conklin, J. Klich and A. Goldyn tomorrow to discuss the pending litigation.

GDL Foundation: M. Armstrong stated she handed out a typed report. She stated that the Foundation would provide \$1000 to support the Black History Month Brunch and \$250 to the Fenton DDA to purchase the statue in front of the library there. She included a list of the 2018 meeting dates.

Written Reports: S. Jones thanked D. Conklin for the thorough report. He stated that he would like to discuss his concerns of the Genesee Valley Center Demonstration Location. W. Delaney stated that could be discussed at the January meeting.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired if the U of M nursing students were a part of the organ donor registration and D. Conklin replied affirmatively.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the books given to the juvenile court. D. Conklin stated that leftover prize books from the Summer Reading Program have been donated to the court. He stated that the children are encouraged to read while there and to return them to the court when they are able.

L. Ryals-Massey offered kudos to the Children's Librarian for her efforts to start working with the kids incarcerated at the Genesee Valley Regional Center down the road.

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L. Ryals-Massey stated it seems odd that the carpeting at Grand Blanc was not replaced at the time that the Claffey trust monies were spent on upgrades. D. Conklin stated that it was part of the original plan; however, the storage room and early literacy area additions used up the funding.

L. Ryals-Massey offered kudos to M. Higginbottom and team for handling the latest incidents. She stated that it shows that the professional development is working.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired what kind of repair the staff member was doing when she was injured. D. Conklin stated that the magnetic mechanism that locks/unlocks DVD cases fell on the floor and the powerful magnets in it became separated. He stated the employee was attempting to place the magnets back in place when her finger became stuck between the magnets. He stated that since the incident, an email has been sent to all staff on the proper procedure to follow if it happens.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired if K. Badgley is trying to get kids signed up for library cards when she attends programs or events. He stated that at some of the larger events she's encouraging parents to get the kids signed up for cards.

L. Ryals-Massey stated to be careful with working with the Genesee Intermediate School District due to their handling of the GenNet. D. Conklin stated he would like to get more information from her about that situation.

M. Armstrong is very pleased with the amount the GDL Foundation has raised this year through the DVD sale.

J. Towarnicky commented that the upcoming 2018 program listing is very impressive.

Monthly Statistics: Nothing to report.

Finance Committee: Nothing to report.

Marketing Committee: Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee: L. Ryals-Massey stated she is in the process of collecting the director's evaluation feedback from the board members and administrative staff. She stated the committee will meet to compile the results and discuss the addition of a Digital Librarian position. She stated that she will reach out to the Human Resource Manager to set up the Myers-Briggs testing at the February meeting.

Policy Committee: Nothing to report.

Committee

Appointments: W. Delaney stated he tried to balance the committee appointments that were given out at the last meeting.

Board Comments: L. Ryals-Massey wished everyone Happy Holidays. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming Black History Month Brunch. W. Delaney stated that board members receive a complimentary ticket, but would have to pay for any guests accompanying them.

S. Jones thanked everyone for allowing him to serve on the board. He stated that the Brunch is the largest Black History Month event in Genesee County and he is looking forward to the next one.

Adjournment: S. Jones moved to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. Motion supported by M. Armstrong.