

**GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

**At**

**Genesee District Library Headquarters**

**5:30 p.m.**

**4195 West Pasadena Avenue**

**Flint, MI 48504**

**September 18, 2017**

**Minutes**

- Call to Order: 5:31 p.m.
- Oath of Office: P. Parker administered the oath of office to J. Towarnicky, Grand Blanc Township new appointee. P. Parker administered the oath of office to S. Jones, Jr., who replaced W. Frazier-Jenkins as a Genesee County Board of Commissioners appointee.
- Present: Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Jones, Jr., Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky.
- Also Present: P. Parker (Corporation Counsel), D. Conklin, and A. Goldyn.
- Absent: V. Conerly-Moon.
- Public Comments: None.
- Approval of  
Consent Agenda: R. Crites moved to approve the agenda. Motion supported by L. Ryals-Massey. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Development: P. Parker spoke briefly regarding the Open Meetings Act as it pertains to the Library's regular and committee meetings.
- MMLC: R. Crites stated at last week's meeting some items were adopted and D. Hooks was given her annual performance evaluation.
- Corporation Counsel: P. Parker said his update would be handled during closed session.
- GDL Foundation: W. Delaney stated that we need someone from the Board to attend these meetings. He stated if anyone is interested, please let him know.
- Written Reports: L. Ryals-Massey inquired which branch would be the closest for Beecher patrons to use while it is closed. D. Conklin replied that the Mount Morris, Genesee Township and Headquarters locations are about equal distance from the Beecher location.
- L. Ryals-Massey inquired how long the Mount Morris location was closed for the bed bug incident. D. Conklin replied it closed for an afternoon; it was treated that day, and was re-opened the next day.
- L. Ryals-Massey inquired if she should RSVP to A. Goldyn for the annual staff in-service and A. Goldyn replied affirmatively.
- L. Ryals-Massey, thanked, but also expressed her concern about staff capturing and removing the bat at the Burton Memorial location due to the lack of response from the City.
- L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the solar eclipse glasses. D. Conklin stated that we were able to get them through the State of Michigan.

Written Reports  
(continued):

L. Ryals-Massey inquired if we have heard anything more about the patron that collapsed at Baker Park. D. Conklin stated that unless the patron gives us an update, we are not privy to further information due to HIPPA regulations.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the elevator at Fenton. D. Conklin stated that the elevator is inspected and certified on a regular basis. He continued to say that it is old and finicky in how it operates.

L. Ryals-Massey remarked how well the Cookies with Cops program went at the Grand Blanc-McFarlen branch.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the offsite backup. D. Conklin stated that the information is electronically transmitted to the Montrose location. He stated it is standard operating procedure. R. Crites inquired why cloud storage is not used. D. Conklin stated that it would be cost prohibitive due to the amount of storage it would require.

M. Armstrong inquired about the bag of books program since the Beecher location is closed. D. Conklin stated that we are still doing it; however, those materials are currently unavailable as they are in storage due to the flooding.

M. Armstrong remarked that she likes the information getting out to the community about the upcoming 2018 Black History Month Brunch.

M. Armstrong inquired about the RIDES task force. D. Conklin stated that RIDES is the delivery system for transporting materials to different libraries within the state. The service is provided by the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services and the task force is a committee that works to improve that service.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the state aid amount. A. Goldyn replied that we received more than what was originally expected. L. Ryals-Massey then inquired about the penal fines. A. Goldyn stated that we are still waiting for Genesee County's penal fines to be released.

R. Crites inquired if there's any concern about the uninsured amount at the current financial institutions. A. Goldyn replied she is not concerned at this time.

Monthly Statistics: Nothing to report.

Finance Committee: Nothing to report.

Marketing Committee: Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report.

Policy Committee: Nothing to report.

Election of Officers: P. Parker explained the election process and that he would officiate. P. Parker called for nominations for Chairperson. R. Crites nominated W. Delaney for Chairperson. P. Parker called for further nominations; however, none were forthcoming. L. Ryals-Massey moved to close nominations and elect W. Delaney as Chairperson. Motion supported by S. Jones, Jr. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

Election of Officers

(continued): P. Parker called for nominations for Vice Chair. R. Crites nominated L. Ryals-Massey. P. Parker called for further nominations; however, none were forthcoming. S. Bennett moved to close nominations and elect L. Ryals-Massey as Vice Chair. Motion supported by S. Jones, Jr. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

P. Parker called for nominations for Secretary. L. Ryals-Massey nominated J. Towarnicky. P. Parker called for further nominations; however, none were forthcoming. L. Ryals-Massey moved to close nominations and elect J. Towarnicky as Secretary. Motion supported by S. Jones, Jr. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

P. Parker called for nominations for Treasurer. R. Crites nominated S. Jones, Jr, who respectfully declined. S. Jones, Jr. nominated M. Armstrong, who respectfully declined. M. Armstrong nominated R. Crites. P. Parker called for further nominations; however, none were forthcoming. S. Bennett moved to close nominations and elect R. Crites as Treasurer. Motion supported by L. Ryals-Massey. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

**Committee**

**Appointments:**

W. Delaney stated that action on this has been tabled until the October meeting. He asked that board members notify him which committee or committees they would like to serve on. A. Goldyn stated she would provide W. Delaney’s contact information after the meeting.

**Closed Session:**

L. Ryals-Massey moved to enter into closed session at 6:14 p.m. to receive an update by Corporation Counsel on the pending litigation. Motion supported by S. Jones, Jr. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

**Open Session:**

R. Crites moved to return to open session at 6:22 p.m. Motion supported by S. Jones, Jr. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

**Board Comments:**

W. Delaney asked the two new board members to tell everyone a little bit about themselves. J. Towarnicky stated she’s a native Flint resident and has board member experience from the Flint Community Schools, Habitat for Humanity and YWCA. She stated she has a real passion for libraries. She inquired if she would be required to take minutes as the board secretary. A. Goldyn replied that she has taken the minutes for the past 18 years and will continue to do so. S. Jones, Jr. stated he has a lot of community involvement from the Flint Community Schools, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, United Way and the City of Flint. The existing board members welcomed the new members and introduced themselves.

**Adjournment:**

J. Towarnicky moved to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Motion supported by S. Bennett.