

GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

At

Genesee District Library Headquarters

5:30 p.m.

4195 West Pasadena Avenue

Flint, MI 48504

July 16, 2018

Minutes

Call to Order: 5:31 p.m.

Present: Armstrong, Bennett, Conerly-Moon, Delaney, Jones, and Ryals-Massey.

Also Present: C. Stritmatter (Corporation Counsel), S. Holmes (Insurance Company Counsel), D. Conklin and A. Goldyn. Public: S. Witucki.

Absent: Crites and Towarnicky.

Public Comments: S. Witucki stated she is running for Circuit Court Judge. She listed her qualifications for the position and asked board members to consider voting for her.

Approval of
Consent Agenda: L. Ryals-Massey moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion supported by S. Bennett. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Development: Nothing to report.

MMLC: Nothing to report.

Corporation Counsel: Nothing to report.

GDL Foundation: M. Armstrong stated a copy of her report has been handed out.

Written Reports: L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the online statistics and D. Conklin stated that we have to take the number the vendor provides us.

M. Armstrong inquired if new retirees are receiving a certificate from the Board and D. Conklin replied they are receiving it. M. Armstrong stated she would like the certificates framed when they are given to the retiree.

M. Armstrong stated she attended an exotic animal program earlier at Headquarters and was delighted to see the huge attendance.

V. Conerly-Moon inquired if there was a policy in place in regards to political candidates addressing the Board. W. Delaney asked if she was referring to the candidate that spoke during the public comments and V. Conerly-Moon replied affirmatively. W. Delaney stated that anyone may address the board during public comments. V. Conerly-Moon just wanted to make sure that GDL does not endorse any candidates. W. Delaney stated that the board is welcome to establish a policy, by majority vote, to not allow political candidates to address the board. V. Conerly-Moon stated we should play it by ear for now, but if it becomes a problem then create a policy.

L. Ryals-Massey spoke about the article regarding the great work that S. Griffin, a former GDL employee, is doing with the Michigan Gift of Life and the increase in organ donations.

Written Reports
(continued):

L. Ryals-Massey inquired about a vendor on the check list. A. Goldyn replied it is a local vendor that uses an outside service to do his invoicing.

S. Jones inquired about the tax revenue that’s been received to date and if more would be received. A. Goldyn replied that tax revenue will continue to be received through the end of the year. S. Jones inquired if a budget adjustment will be forthcoming for this significant overage and how the funds will be spent. A. Goldyn replied that it will not be a significant overage. She also stated a budget adjustment will be proposed later this year along with recommendations to reduce the pension and retiree healthcare liabilities.

S. Jones inquired about certain checks on the check lists. He stated that he wanted to know the purpose of the employee checks listed on the report. A. Goldyn replied that the accounting software is not able to list it on the check register report. D. Conklin stated he would provide a list of the regular monthly employee checks and amounts.

S. Jones inquired about a check paid to A. Goldyn on June 6. A. Goldyn stated it was a reimbursement for GDL supplies purchased using her own personal funds. S. Jones stated that it is his job as a board member to carefully watch the expenditures as part of being a good steward of public funds.

Monthly Statistics: Nothing to add.

Finance Committee: Nothing to report.

Marketing Committee: Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report.

Policy Committee: Nothing to report.

Closed Session: V. Conerly-Moon moved to enter closed session at 5:58 pm to receive an update from Corporation Counsel on the pending litigation. Motion supported by L. Ryals-Massey. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Conerly-Moon, Delaney, Jones and Ryals-Massey; nays – none.

Open Session: V. Conerly-Moon moved to return to open session at 6:27 pm. Motion supported by S. Jones. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Conerly-Moon, Delaney, Jones and Ryals-Massey; nays – none.

Board Comments: L. Ryals-Massey stated the policy committee may want to consider changing the board by-laws to eliminate the July meeting.

Adjournment: S. Jones moved to adjourn at 6:29 pm. Motion supported by V. Conerly-Moon. Motion carried unanimously.