

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

September 19, 2016

Minutes

- Call to Order: 5:33 p.m.
- Present: Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Frazier-Jenkins, Lane and Ryals-Massey.
- Also Present: M. Gildner, D. Conklin, and A. Goldyn.
- Absent: Conerly-Moon.
- Public Comments: None.
- Approval of
Consent Agenda: C. Lane moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion supported by R. Crites. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Development: Nothing to report.
- MMLC: R. Crites reported they had a meeting last week and things are going well. He stated that he is now the Vice Chair of the board.
- Corporation Counsel: Nothing to report.
- GDL Foundation: Nothing to report.
- Written Reports: L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the Flushing Raider Rally that staff members attended. D. Conklin replied that staff handed out promotional and informational materials about the Flushing branch to raise awareness of the location.
- L. Ryals-Massey inquired about who would be receiving the surveys as part of the strategic planning process. D. Conklin replied that three surveys are being developed. One will target the GDL board, local library boards and friends groups; another one will target the staff and the third will target the patrons.
- L. Ryals-Massey inquired about virtual servers and D. Conklin explained that it is a computer server that can mimic the functions of several other machines. L. Ryals-Massey inquired about patron printing account balances. D. Conklin replied that this is another function of the virtual servers. He continued to say that patrons are allowed to print five pages for free per day, but beyond that patrons must pay ten cents per page. L. Ryals-Massey inquired what happens to the server machines when they are replaced. D. Conklin stated that they are typically still powerful enough to be repurposed for other uses, such as a self-checkout machine or online catalog.

Written Reports
(continued):

M. Armstrong inquired about the location of the annual staff in-service day. D. Conklin replied that it will be held at GISD and that all the board members would be receiving an invitation.

M. Armstrong remarked that she enjoys reading in the monthly reports about the wonderful things our staff members are doing. She has prepared personalized notes for two staff members to recognize their recent efforts.

Monthly Statistics: Nothing to report.

Finance Committee: C. Lane stated a meeting should be held next month to review the preliminary budget that is being prepared by the Finance Manager.

Marketing Committee: R. Crites stated that our best marketing efforts come from our programs. He inquired if GDL had a Facebook page. D. Conklin replied that we have an overall GDL one and we have encouraged branches to have their own pages, which many have. D. Conklin also stated that we also have Pinterest pages.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report.

Policy Committee: Nothing to report.

Board Elections: C. Lane moved to retain officers in their current positions. Motion supported by R. Crites. M. Armstrong inquired about the length of the term for the positions. W. Delaney replied that officer positions are elected in September each year. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Frazier-Jenkins, Lane and Ryals-Massey; nays – none.

Committee

Appointments:

W. Delaney moved to retain all board members on their current committees. Motion supported by S. Bennett. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Frazier-Jenkins, Lane and Ryals-Massey; nays – none.

Board Comments:

C. Lane stated that Oakland County prepares a multi-year budget and inquired if that would be something this board would consider doing for planning purposes. L. Ryals-Massey stated this should be deferred to the Finance Manager to answer. A. Goldyn stated that there are fluctuations, such as revenues and certain expenditures, which would make it difficult to prepare a multi-year budget. W. Frazier-Jenkins inquired if it would be beneficial for GDL to prepare a multi-year budget. A. Goldyn replied it would not and W. Delaney replied it would just create more work.

Adjournment:

W. Frazier-Jenkins moved to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion supported by M. Armstrong.