

**GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
Via Zoom & Telephone
5:30 p.m.
November 16, 2020
Minutes**

- Call to Order: 5:31 p.m.
- Present: Bennett (Grand Blanc), Conerly-Moon (Flint Township), Crites (Florida), Hostetler (Grand Blanc), Jones, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky.
- Also Present: C. Stritmatter (Corporation Counsel), D. Conklin, and A. Goldyn. Public: P. Ponzetti, G. Fournier, C. Jackson, and T. Carlton.
- Absent: Johns.
- Public Comments: T. Carlton stated the staff is supportive of D. Conklin’s decision to temporarily shut down again. She stated that some union staff members have expressed their concerns to D. Conklin about possible exposure from the public.
- Approval of Consent Agenda: V. Conerly-Moon moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Development: Nothing to report.
- MMLC: Nothing to report.
- Corporation Counsel: C. Stritmatter stated that as part of electronic protocols, we need to start stating where we are calling in from.
- GDL Foundation: Nothing to report.
- Written Reports: L. Ryals-Massey offered kudos to our Children’s Librarian for everything she is doing.
- L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the responsibility of the HVAC repair at the Genesee Valley Center location. D. Conklin stated that Goyette is familiar with the process and will bill the appropriate party. He stated that as of today, we have not received an invoice for it.
- L. Ryals-Massey stated, “I thought it was a good use of Facebook.”
- L. Ryals-Massey thanked D. Conklin for including the number of hours employees have used under the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).
- L. Ryals-Massey inquired about an update on the virtual Black History Month Brunch. D. Conklin stated he does not have an update since K. Flynn is on vacation. He stated he will have an update at the January meeting.
- L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the signage change for the Delaney Headquarters building. D. Conklin stated there has been no activity yet. A. Goldyn stated that the replacement sign in front of the building has been changed.

Written Reports
(continued):

L. Ryals-Massey inquired why the sanitizer was being picked up versus being shipped to us. A. Goldyn stated that due to the highly flammable nature, the shipping costs would be cost prohibitive.

Monthly Statistics:

Nothing to report.

Finance Committee:

R. Crites stated that a virtual meeting was held on November 4 to review the 2021 budget. He gave the highlights of the budget. He also reviewed the graphs that were suggested by D. Hostetler. He stated the committee recommends that the board approve the 2021 budget and include the graphs in the board mailings.

L. Ryals-Massey stated that G. Fournier has sent a message to the group chat via Zoom that he's been trying to get a complaint letter to the board. She stated she will handle the request during the board comments section.

Personnel/Policy
Committee:

S. Bennett stated that she will send out the director's evaluation to the board soon.

2021 Budget:

V. Conerly-Moon moved to accept the 2021 budget as presented. Motion supported by R. Crites. Roll call: ayes – Bennett, Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hostetler, Jones, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

Board Comments:

L. Ryals-Massey asked G. Fournier to address his concern, but did not receive a response. L. Ryals-Massey stated he must not have a microphone and she will get with him offline.

J. Towarnicky stated that she and her family have participated in some of the virtual programs and it has been wonderful. She has also been trying to promote GDL's programming.

J. Towarnicky pointed out there was an article in the Grand Blanc View about the Grand Blanc-McFarlen branch receiving an award to get a new roof and HVAC system.

J. Towarnicky offered kudos to the staff for developing the screening process that was recognized by the Genesee County Health Department.

J. Towarnicky offered kudos to D. Hostetler for suggesting the graphs. She stated it's very helpful and meaningful to see.

L. Ryals-Massey thanked the new public members for joining the meeting. She also wanted T. Carlton to thank all the frontline staff for everything they are doing.

Adjournment:

V. Conerly-Moon moved to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Motion carried unanimously.