

GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

At

Genesee District Library Headquarters

5:30 p.m.

4195 West Pasadena Avenue

Flint, MI 48504

January 22, 2018

Minutes

- Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.
- Present: Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Jones, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky.
- Also Present: P. Parker (Corporation Counsel), D. Conklin and A. Goldyn. Public: Mark Whalen (Mt. Morris)
- Absent: V. Conerly-Moon
- Public Comments: None.
- Approval of
Consent Agenda: S. Jones moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion supported by R. Crites. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Development: Nothing to report.
- MMLC: R. Crites stated the finance committee to review the audit report and provided a copy to the GDL board members. He spoke about the performers showcase.
- Corporation Counsel: Nothing to report.
- GDL Foundation: Nothing to report.
- Written Reports: J. Towarnicky inquired about the number of work comp claims and D. Conklin confirmed that there were only three during 2017. J. Towarnicky remarked that is impressive.
- L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the Star Library Award. D. Conklin replied that the Library Journal compiles data from the annual state aid reports. He continued to say that it was our per capita circulation of our electronic collection of books, music, magazines and databases. He stated that there are over 7,000 libraries nation-wide and only 259 were awarded the Star Library designation.
- L. Ryals-Massey asked board members to invite everyone they know to purchase tickets for the annual Black History Month Brunch.
- S. Jones inquired about the decreased balance of one account on the monthly investment report. A. Goldyn replied that account is used for the employees' flexible spending benefits and more employees had taken advantage of it.
- S. Jones noted that the Grand Blanc-McFarlen branch's carpeting project is being paid jointly by the local municipalities. He then inquired who would be responsible for any carpeting replacement at the Genesee Valley Center and A. Goldyn replied it would be GDL's responsibility. S. Jones then inquired if a partnership should be formed with Flint Township for that location to help offset any repair expenses. D. Conklin stated that the Genesee Valley Center location isn't technically a branch; it's a demonstration location

Written Reports
(continued):

and comes out of the public relations budget. He continued to say that we partner with Flint Township to support the Flint Township-McCarty branch. S. Jones inquired if the policy committee needs to meet to discuss how long the Genesee Valley location will remain a demonstration location. W. Delaney stated the board decides how long it will remain as a demonstration location. S. Jones inquired what would stop us from opening another location if the group renovating the former Dewey Elementary school approached us to provide library services in the building. P. Parker stated that if a group approached GDL about opening a new location, the board would take it under consideration. He stated that for many years, GDL had a public recognition problem and the Genesee Valley Center demonstration location was created to showcase our services to differentiate us from Flint Public. He continued to say that GDL cannot legally provide services inside the City of Flint. S. Jones stated that he will arrange a meeting with D. Conklin to discuss it further. J. Towarnicky inquired if all the locations had a relationship with the local municipality or a friends group to help offset project expenses. D. Conklin stated that almost all the branches have their own friends groups, in addition to a local library board that provides the funds for those types of projects. D. Conklin stated that GDL is only responsible for providing the materials, staff and library specific equipment. The municipalities are responsible for the utilities and maintenance of the buildings they provide us to use.

Monthly Statistics: Nothing to report.

Finance Committee: Nothing to report.

Marketing Committee: Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee: L. Ryals-Massey stated the data has been compiled for the Director's evaluation, which will be an action item at the February 19th meeting. She stated that she consulted with the Human Resources Manager about the Myers-Briggs personality testing and discovered it would take two to three hours to complete.

Policy Committee: Nothing to report.

2017 Budget
Amendments:

A. Goldyn stated that the proposed budget amendments do not increase the overall budget; it simply reallocates funds to specific line items. S. Jones moved to approve the 2017 budget adjustments as presented. Motion supported by L. Ryals-Massey. S. Jones stated he appreciates the amount of detail provided. Motion carried unanimously.

Genesee Valley Lease
Renewal:

P. Parker reviewed the length and rate of the agreement. L. Ryals-Massey moved to approve the lease as presented. Motion supported by S. Bennett. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Delaney, Ryals-Massey, Towarnicky; abstain – Jones.

Board Comments:

S. Jones stated due to his still unanswered concerns about the handling of the Genesee Valley Center location, he felt needed to abstain from voting.

L. Ryals-Massey asked for clarification about how a new library location could be opened. She stated her understanding is that it has to be a municipality and not a group to approach the GDL and P. Parker replied that is correct.

Adjournment:

M. Armstrong moved to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion supported by R. Crites.