

**GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

**At  
Genesee District Library Headquarters  
5:30 p.m.  
4195 West Pasadena Avenue  
Flint, MI 48504  
July 15, 2019  
Minutes**

- Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.
- Present: Armstrong (5:33 pm), Bennett, Conerly-Moon (5:40 pm), Crites, Delaney, Jones, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky.
- Also Present: P. Parker (Corporation Counsel), D. Conklin and A. Goldyn.
- Absent: None.
- Public Comments: None.
- Approval of  
Consent Agenda: R. Crites moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Development: Nothing to report.
- MMLC: R. Crites stated that a new Co-Op Director has been selected and he will begin in October after D. Hooks' retirement.
- Corporation Counsel: P. Parker stated that the retirees have filed for an appeal in the lawsuit. He stated that it could takes weeks, possibly months, before a decision is made by the court.
- GDL Foundation: D. Conklin stated that he handed out the minutes from the last GDL Foundation meeting. He stated if anyone had questions to please get with him or M. Armstrong.
- Written Reports: J. Towarnicky inquired how the Grand Blanc food truck festival impacts the library. D. Conklin stated it doesn't, it's just part of the local news and events happening in the various communities we serve.
- J. Towarnicky stated the variety of all the programs being held are very impressive. She also stated it's amazing that K. Badgley went to the juvenile detention center to sign kids up for the summer reading program. D. Conklin stated he would pass the kudos along to K. Badgley.
- L. Ryals-Massey offered kudos to D. Conklin on the approach with the County's request for information without invading patrons' privacy.
- Monthly Statistics: R. Crites stated that he showed our monthly statistics to D. Hooks, the MMLC Director to show that usership statistics are down. D. Conklin stated that there may be a disconnect between the Co-Op Director and front-line library staff. D. Conklin stated that library usership can mean a lot of different things and listed various ways people use the library's services. Further discussion centered on how statistics are captured.
- Finance Committee: Nothing to report.

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- Marketing Committee: Nothing to report.
- Personnel Committee: L. Ryals-Massey stated the committee met for the sole purpose of calculating the score of D. Conklin's evaluation. She further stated that they met with D. Conklin earlier today to discuss the evaluation results. She stated that the overall rating was a 4.15 out of 5. She inquired if the board needed to vote on the evaluation or if it could just be noted in the minutes. P. Parker stated that historically it has been voted on by the board. W. Delaney stated that in order to vote on it, it has to be added to the next meeting's agenda.
- Policy Committee: Nothing to report.
- Form L-4029 Tax Authorization: W. Delaney stated that the form allows GDL to receive its tax revenue. L. Ryals-Massey moved to have appropriate people sign the form. Motion supported by S. Jones. J. Towarnicky inquired if the form authorizes us to go for a new millage amount. A. Goldyn replied it is needed to collect on our existing voted millage amount and will be sent to the clerks at the local municipalities. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Conerly-Moon, Crites, Delaney, Jones, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky.
- Strategic Plan Update: D. Conklin gave a presentation on the strategic plan progress made to date.
- Board Comments: W. Delaney stated that S. Jones and R. Crites are up for re-appointment from the Genesee County Board of Commissioners and they need to get with their appointing board if they wish to be re-appointed. He stated that he and S. Bennett up for re-appointment from Grand Blanc Township and S. Bennett should not have a problem contacting them. W. Delaney continued to say that he will not be seeking re-appointment to the GDL Board. He stated that he was instrumental in helping form the district library and has served on the board for several years. He further stated that he feels it is time for him to retire. M. Armstrong inquired when his appointment ends and W. Delaney replied that August 31. W. Delaney stated that this is his last meeting. M. Armstrong stated that she has learned a lot about leadership from W. Delaney. A. Goldyn stated that W. Delaney will certainly be missed.
- Adjournment: J. Towarnicky moved to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. Motion supported by S. Jones.