

GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

At

Genesee District Library Headquarters

5:30 p.m.

4195 West Pasadena Avenue

Flint, MI 48504

September 16, 2019

Minutes

- Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.
- Oath of Office: C. Stritmatter administered the oath of office to D. Hostetler, who replaced W. Delaney as a Grand Blanc Township appointee.
- Present: Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky.
- Also Present: C. Stritmatter (Corporation Counsel), D. Conklin, A. Goldyn, C. Down and K. Williams (Labor Attorneys).
- Absent: Conerly-Moon and Jones.
- Public Comments: None.
- Approval of Consent Agenda: J. Towarnicky moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion supported by R. Crites. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Development: Nothing to report.
- MMLC: R. Crites stated that due to an overage in the fund balance, MMLC will be distributing a portion of the \$60,000 to the member libraries on a per capita basis. L. Ryals-Massey inquired if there were restrictions on how the money could be spent and R. Crites replied there are no restrictions.
- Corporation Counsel: C. Stritmatter stated that the retirees did file an appeal to the lawsuit ruling.
- GDL Foundation: Nothing to report.
- Written Reports: S. Bennett stated that the flowers still look amazing and inquired what A. Goldyn does to help them. A. Goldyn replied that she just orders soil and mulch whenever requested.
- L. Ryals-Massey offered kudos to all the staff. She also stated that the Children's Librarian and Digital Librarian continue to awe her with everything they are doing.
- L. Ryals-Massey inquired how many branches still need to have the GDL logo added to their signs. D. Conklin stated he was unsure, but doesn't believe there are very many without it.
- L. Ryals-Massey offered kudos for donating surplus summer reading prize books to the Genesee County Probate Court and to teachers at the Genesee Valley Regional Center.
- L. Ryals-Massey inquired if the zeroes on the grant listing means that GDL did not receive the grant and D. Conklin confirmed.

Written Reports
(Continued):

L. Ryals-Massey inquired why the Chase account balance was down significantly. A. Goldyn replied it is due to the transfer of funds to the new OPEB liability reduction trust account at MERS.

Monthly Statistics: Nothing to report.

Finance Committee: Nothing to report.

Marketing Committee: Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report.

Policy Committee: Nothing to report.

Library Director's 2018
Evaluation:

S. Bennett moved to approve the Director's 2018 evaluation. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

Closed Session: R. Crites moved to enter into closed session at 5:42 p.m. to discuss union contract negotiations. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

Open Session: S. Bennett moved to return to open session at 6:05 p.m. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

Election of Officers: C. Stritmatter explained that he would officiate the election process. He called for nominations for the Treasurer. J. Towarnicky nominated R. Crites. Motion supported by L. Ryals-Massey. C. Stritmatter called for further nominations; however, none were forthcoming and nominations were closed. Roll call: Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

C. Stritmatter called for nominations for Secretary. R. Crites nominated J. Towarnicky. Motion supported by S. Bennett. C. Stritmatter called for further nominations; however, none were forthcoming and nominations were closed. Roll call: Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

C. Stritmatter called for nominations for Vice Chair. L. Ryals-Massey nominated S. Bennett. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. C. Stritmatter called for further nominations; however, none were forthcoming and nominations were closed. Roll call: Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

C. Stritmatter called for nominations for Chairperson. R. Crites nominated L. Ryals-Massey. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. C. Stritmatter called for further nominations; however, none were forthcoming and nominations were closed. Roll call: Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

Proposed 2020
Scheduled Closings:

J. Towarnicky moved to accept the 2020 Scheduled Closings. Motion supported by R. Crites. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

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Proposed 2020 Board Meeting Dates:

J. Towarnicky moved to accept the 2020 Board Meeting Dates. Motion supported by D. Hostetler. Roll call: ayes – Armstrong, Bennett, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

Committee Appointments:

L. Ryals-Massey asked for the board members to email their committee preferences to her.

Board Comments:

L. Ryals-Massey recommends that due to everything W. Delaney has done for the Genesee District Library system over the years, the Headquarters building be renamed in his honor. S. Bennett stated it's a wonderful idea. Discussion. L. Ryals-Massey stated that it will be placed on the next meeting agenda as an action item.

L. Ryals-Massey also suggested that W. Delaney be honored at the Black History Month Brunch.

Adjournment:

J. Towarnicky moved to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Motion supported by R. Crites.