

**GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**at**  
**Genesee District Library Headquarters**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**4195 W. Pasadena Ave**  
**Flint, MI 48504**  
**November 15, 2022**  
**Minutes**

- Call to Order: 5:28 p.m.
- Present: Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hinz, Hostetler, and Towarnicky.
- Also Present: C. Stritmatter (Corporation Counsel), C. Down (Corporation Counsel), D. Conklin and A. Goldyn.
- Absent: L. Ryals-Massey.
- Public Comments: None.
- Approval of  
Consent Agenda: F. Hinz moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion supported by V. Conerly-Moon. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Development: None.
- MMLC: Nothing to report.
- Corporation Counsel: Nothing to report.
- GDL Foundation: Nothing to report.
- Written Reports: D. Hostetler thanked D. Conklin and A. Goldyn for putting everything together a week earlier than usual.
- D. Hostetler stated it was covered at the last meeting, but he wanted to state again that K. Flynn did a wonderful job with getting the roof fixed and the grant for the carpet. D. Conklin stated that the carpet project is set to begin the second week of December. D. Conklin stated the damaged ceiling tiles from the roof leak have been replaced. D. Hostetler inquired if the grant covered the entire cost of the roof project and A. Goldyn replied it did not.
- D. Hostetler was amazed that there were fifty-five nominations for the Black History Month Brunch. V. Conerly-Moon stated the way the nomination process was worded, it allowed anyone and everyone to apply to be honored. She stated she would like to see better verbiage for future nominations.
- D. Hostetler said he was really impressed by the number of class visits. J. Towarnicky stated she was impressed with the number of new library cards issued.
- D. Hostetler inquired if the Above & Beyond award has been done annually. D. Conklin replied that it's done every year at the staff in-service. He stated that the staff nominate their peers and the managers vet the nominations to determine who receives the award.
- D. Hostetler inquired about the Let's Talk About That Book discussion kits. D. Conklin

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- Written Reports  
(continued): stated there's a book along with discussion questions similar as a book club kit. D. Hostetler inquired if they were at a certain branch and D. Conklin stated they are spread out among the branches.
- Monthly Statistics: Nothing to report.
- Finance Committee: R. Crites reported a meeting was held today to review the 2023 budget. He stated the Committee recommends the Board approve the budget as presented.
- Personnel/Policy  
Committee: D. Hostetler stated the Committee developed an outline of characteristics of an ideal board member to provide to the appointing authorities. D. Conklin stated that information was gathered and placed on the GDL website under leadership on how to become a board member.
- Genesee Valley Location  
Lease Negotiations: C. Stritmatter stated he's been in contact with leasing agent for the Genesee Valley Center about renewing the lease. He stated he's trying to get them to agree to be responsible for the roof/HVAC equipment and has asked for a stay on the rent escalation. He hopes to have the final offer details for approval at the January meeting.
- Closed Session: J. Towarnicky moved to enter into closed session at 5:46 pm to discuss the collective bargaining agreement. Motion supported by F. Hinz. Roll call: ayes – Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hinz, Hostetler and Towarnicky; nays – none.
- Open Session: J. Towarnicky moved to return to open session at 6:13 pm. Motion supported by F. Hinz. Roll call: ayes – Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hinz, Hostetler and Towarnicky; nays – none.
- Labor Contract  
(2023-2025): F. Hinz moved to approve the collective bargaining agreement as presented. Motion supported by R. Crites. Roll call: ayes – Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hinz, Hostetler and Towarnicky; nays – none.
- 2023 Budget: V. Conerly-Moon moved to approve the 2023 budget as presented. Motion supported by R. Crites. Roll call: ayes – Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hinz, Hostetler and Towarnicky; nays – none.
- 2022 Budget  
Amendments: A. Goldyn stated the amendments do not increase the overall budget total. She stated it is simply reallocating funds to the various budget line items. V. Conerly-Moon moved to approved the budget amendments as presented. Motion supported by F. Hinz. Roll call: ayes – Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hinz, Hostetler and Towarnicky; nays – none.
- GDL Board Informational/  
Marketing Packet: R. Crites moved to table discussion until the January 23, 2023 meeting. Motion supported by F. Hinz. Roll call: ayes – Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hinz, Hostetler and Towarnicky; nays – none.
- Board Comments: R. Crites stated D. Hostetler did a good job filling in for L. Ryals-Massey.  
  
D. Conklin thanked everyone for rearranging their schedules to make the meeting happen.
- Adjournment: 6:28 pm.