

**GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
at
Genesee District Library Headquarters
5:30 p.m.
4195 W. Pasadena Ave
Flint, MI 48504
January 23, 2023
Minutes**

- Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.
- Oath of Office: C. Stritmatter administered the oath of office to T. Barnes, who replaced S. Bennett as a Grand Blanc Township appointee.
- Present: Barnes, Hinz, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky.
- Also Present: C. Stritmatter (Corporation Counsel), D. Conklin and A. Goldyn.
- Absent: V. Conerly-Moon and R. Crites.
- Public Comments: None.
- Approval of Consent Agenda: F. Hinz moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Development: None.
- MMLC: J. Towarnicky stated she missed the January 12 meeting.
- Corporation Counsel: Nothing to report.
- GDL Foundation: Nothing to report.
- Written Reports:
 - D. Hostetler mentioned there was a great write-up in the paper about the Storybook Trail coming to Rust Park in Grand Blanc. D. Conklin stated our new Youth Services Librarian, H. Harrison, came up with the idea and attended meetings with local officials in order to make it happen. D. Conklin stated the next location would be Linden.
 - L. Ryals-Massey offered kudos to everyone that is working to achieve the GDL’s vision. She also stated she appreciates that items mentioned in D. Conklin’s report note which strategic plan goal it represents.
 - L. Ryals-Massey inquired if we are partnering with GISD on the Early Literacy Programs. D. Conklin replied that H. Harrison has been invited to work with various school districts in Genesee County on literacy programs. L. Ryals-Massey stated GDL is fortunate to have a Children’s Library/Youth Services Librarian. D. Conklin stated that each of the different Youth Services Librarians have brought something new and creative to the position.
 - L Ryals-Massey inquired about what it means to GDL for MMLC excluding the program support. D. Conklin stated that MMLC would provide an annual performers showcase where GDL could meet program providers and decide which ones to book. He stated that MMLC used to handle the contracts and payment for the program providers. He stated that without that, it creates more work for K. Flynn and A. Goldyn.

Written Reports
(continued);

L. Ryals-Massey stated that D. Conklin had shared pictures of the flooding at the Genesee Valley location. She asked about a status update on it. D. Conklin stated that ServPro was there working on the drywall today; however, he stated it will most likely be closed for several more weeks. He stated the biggest delay will probably be replacing the circulation desk as it was originally a custom-made piece. He stated that there was some damage to the floor that will need to be repaired and then new carpeting can be installed. L. Ryals-Massey asked what has happened to the staff from the location and D. Conklin replied that they are temporarily working at other branches. L. Ryals-Massey stated she's pleased that none of the employees were laid off. D. Hostetler inquired if the insurance claim will cover the cost of repairs and A. Goldyn replied it will. L. Ryals-Massey inquired about the insurance deductible. A. Goldyn replied that it will be \$500; however, if it had happened after January 1st, it would have been \$1,000.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired if cards are sent on behalf of the Board to employees that retire. D. Conklin stated that a Certificate of Appreciation is given to the retiring employee on behalf of the Board.

L. Ryals-Massey offered kudos to R. Tackabury for everything he does to help patrons with technology.

F. Hinz inquired if there's any type of pattern with the recent patron incidents. D. Conklin stated that in the thirty plus years that he's worked in libraries, every library at one time or another has had a least one difficult patron.

J. Towarnicky inquired if A. Goldyn likes the new accounting software. A. Goldyn replied that it is much easier to use. J. Towarnicky inquired about the training and support. A. Goldyn stated they have been fantastic to work with and doesn't have to worry about accessing it because it's cloud based.

D. Conklin stated that A. Goldyn immediately contacted the insurance company to start the claim process after the flood at the Genesee Valley location. He stated that allowed him to contact ServPro to get the ball rolling as soon as possible. He stated that A. Goldyn works around the clock for the benefit of the Library.

Monthly Statistics: D. Conklin briefly explained the monthly statistics to T. Barnes. F. Hinz inquired about the in-person visits. D. Conklin replied that in-person visits are trending up.

Finance Committee: Nothing to report.

Personnel/Policy Committee: Nothing to report.

GDL Board Informational/
Marketing Packet: D. Conklin apologized for not including the Trustee "pathfinder" materials developed by the Personnel/Policy Committee at the last meeting. He stated the materials are now available on the GDL website and was seeking approval to take it to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners and Grand Blanc Township. L. Ryals-Massey stated she believes it should be removed from the GDL website since we do not appoint Board Members and asked for Corporation Counsel's input. C. Stritmatter stated that there's nothing wrong with coming up with a wish list for ideal qualifications for Trustees. D. Conklin stated he could remove it from the website until he can meet with the founding entities. F. Hinz moved to remove it from the website, schedule the appropriate meetings for approval from the founding entities, then post it back on the website. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Motion carried unanimously.

Revised 2023

Scheduled Closings:

A. Goldyn stated that the 2023 scheduled closings now include the Juneteenth Holiday that was added during the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations. J. Towarnicky moved to approve the revised scheduled closings. Motion supported by F. Hinz. Roll call: ayes – Barnes, Hinz, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

2022 Budget

Amendments:

A. Goldyn stated the additional amendments do not increase the budget total. She stated it is simply reallocating funds to the various budget line items. D. Hostetler moved to approved the budget amendments as presented. Motion supported by F. Hinz. Roll call: ayes – Barnes, Hinz, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

Genesee Valley Location

Lease Negotiations:

C. Stritmatter stated that he had hoped to have a document to present to the Board; however, the Mall management has not provided anything yet. He stated that he was able to negotiate the terms of \$10 per square foot with no annual cost increase for the next five years. He stated he is still waiting for the proposed language on who is responsible for the HVAC system. Further discussion centered on location conditions, rent amount and possible early termination clause. J. Towarnicky moved to accept the \$10 per square foot and allow C. Stritmatter to work out the remaining details. Motion supported by T. Barnes. Roll call: ayes – Barnes, Hinz, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

Mideastern Michigan Library

Cooperative (MMLC)/The

Library Network (TLN):

D. Conklin outlined the various reasons for switching to a different library cooperative. T. Barnes inquired what a cooperative does for the library and D. Conklin explained the benefits of belonging to a cooperative. J. Towarnicky moved to approve D. Conklin providing notice to MMLC of GDL's intent to withdraw from MMLC effective September 30, 2023. Motion supported by D. Hostetler. Roll call: ayes – Barnes, Hinz, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

J. Towarnicky moved to approve D. Conklin applying for membership with the TLN Cooperative to begin October 1, 2023. Motion supported by D. Hostetler. Roll call: ayes – Barnes, Hinz, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

Board Comments:

A. Goldyn asked for a count of members planning to attend the annual Black History Month Brunch. L. Ryals-Massey and D. Hostetler stated they would be attending with their spouses. The others stated they would let A. Goldyn know later in the week.

Adjournment:

6:40 pm.