

**GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**at**  
**Genesee District Library Headquarters**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**4195 W. Pasadena Ave**  
**Flint, MI 48504**  
**March 20, 2023**  
**Minutes**

- Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.
- Present: Barnes, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky.
- Also Present: C. Stritmatter (Corporation Counsel), D. Conklin and A. Goldyn. Public: A. Berry and B. Dantzler.
- Absent: V. Conerly-Moon and F. Hinz.
- Public Comments: None.
- Approval of  
Consent Agenda: D. Hostetler moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Development: C. Stritmatter stated he does not expect Michigan House Bill 4136 to go anywhere. The Bill would require libraries to create secure areas for materials that are obscene or harmful to minors that can only be viewed by people over the age of eighteen. D. Conklin stated it was an amendment to the Library Privacy Act to hold Library Boards responsible to create a policy to create a separate room for those materials. L. Ryals-Massey stated that obscene materials are not purchased so it would not apply to Genesee District Library.
- MMLC: Nothing to report.
- Corporation Counsel: Nothing to report.
- GDL Foundation: J. Towarnicky stated a meeting was held on March 8. She stated that the DVD cart sales raised a total of \$1,794.83 in 2022. She stated that \$1,000 is being donated to the Summer Reading Program.
- Written Reports: J. Towarnicky stated she appreciates the links in D. Conklin's report. She also stated that the scavenger hunt program sounded awesome and inquired if it would be held again. D. Conklin stated that it was very successful and H. Harrison was asked to share the details with various libraries across the country and world. J. Towarnicky stated the tech tutoring being offered is tremendous. She inquired if we have partnered with local senior centers or senior living centers for programs. D. Conklin stated that R. Tackabury has held programs at senior centers and J. Bias, our Talking Book Center and Homebound Librarian, has visited local senior living facilities.
- D. Hostetler inquired about the Genesee Valley Center location. D. Conklin stated that after the packet was sent out, he received an update that the location may not re-open until June. He stated the new circulation desk is the hold up; however, we may be able to create a temporary desk to open sooner. D. Hostetler inquired which location the Genesee Valley Center patrons are using in the meantime. D. Conklin replied the patrons are visiting Headquarters and Flint Township.

Written Reports  
(continued):

D. Hostetler stated that he thought K. Flynn did a fantastic job with the Black History Month Brunch. He stated it looks like H. Harrison is doing a fine job taking over for M. Boisclair as the Youth Services Librarian.

R. Crites inquired if GDL is still part of MMLC. D. Conklin replied just until September 30, 2023.

L. Ryals-Massey wanted to applaud the Black History Month Brunch Committee. She stated she appreciates R. Tackabury putting videos on YouTube. She inquired if the Brunch expenses went over budget or breakeven with the in-kind support. D. Conklin replied that we brokeven.

L. Ryals-Massey stated she would like the Board to be included in the staff messages of when the Library will be closed. D. Conklin stated he can send an email.

L. Ryals-Massey stated she noticed E. Button is leaving GDL and inquired if she was going to another library. D. Conklin stated that she is going to Flint Public Library. He stated that she is the third employee to leave GDL for Flint Public Library.

D. Hostetler inquired about February's revenue exceeding the previous years. A. Goldyn stated it depends on when Genesee County starts distributing the property tax revenue.

D. Hostetler inquired about the OPEB chart's decrease in liability between 2010 and 2013. A. Goldyn stated there were a variety of factors that decreased the liability such as: changes in the healthcare rates, actuarial assumptions, and retirees passing away. D. Hostetler stated that the good news is that we no longer have an unfunded OPEB liability. D. Conklin stated that A. Goldyn has done an outstanding job addressing the long-term liabilities.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired if the payment to Library Design was for a mom and baby cradle computer station. D. Conklin stated it was for chairs.

Monthly Statistics:

D. Hostetler inquired about online program statistics. D. Conklin stated that all the programs are represented in one figure.

Finance Committee:

Nothing to report.

Personnel/Policy  
Committee:

L. Ryals-Massey stated that T. Barnes has agreed to join the Personnel/Policy Committee and that D. Hostetler is now the Chairperson of the Committee. She stated that the Committee will be holding meetings to complete the unfinished business. She stated that D. Hostetler had distributed the Director's evaluation forms and asked that they be turned in to him as soon as possible.

Genesee Valley Location  
Lease Negotiations:

C. Stritmatter stated the negotiations are still progressing. He stated he is still waiting for clarification language in the lease. R. Crites stated he does not think GDL should have to pay rent for a space that we have not been able to use. Further conversation centered on questions that were answered by Corporation Counsel.

November Meeting:

D. Conklin stated the scheduled November 20 Board Meeting is the week of Thanksgiving and it may be difficult to have a quorum. He inquired about possibly moving the meeting date. R. Crites moved to change the meeting date to November 13. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Roll call: ayes – Barnes, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays – none.

**Agenda Number: IV Item: B**

Public Comments: B. Dantzler thanked the Board for showing her how a board operates. She stated she was observing for a public library class she is taking. L. Ryals-Massey thanked her for choosing to attend GDL's meeting.

Board Comments: D. Hostetler stated the Personnel/Policy Committee would like to finish up changes to the Board By-Laws and inquired about any changes to the Open Meetings Act. C. Stritmatter stated there have been no changes that would allow the GDL Board to meet remotely.

L. Ryals-Massey encouraged Board Members to attend trustee training through the Michigan Library Association. D. Conklin stated that GDL will pay the registration fees and mileage for anyone that wants to attend training sessions.

L. Ryals-Massey commended K. Flynn for putting the GDL vision on the wall of the meeting room/computer lab.

Adjournment: 6:42 pm.