

**GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**at**  
**Genesee District Library Headquarters**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**4195 W. Pasadena Ave**  
**Flint, MI 48504**  
**July 18, 2022**  
**Minutes**

- Call to Order: 5:35 p.m.
- Present: Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky.
- Also Present: P. Mooney (Corporation Counsel), D. Conklin, and A. Goldyn.
- Absent: Johns
- Public Comments: None.
- Approval of  
Consent Agenda: V. Conerly-Moon moved to accept the consent agenda. Motion supported by R. Crites. L. Ryals-Massey stated that she wanted a correction made to the May 16 minutes. She stated that under Board Comments she wanted P. Parker’s response added after her comment to summarize the minutes. P. Parker stated that at times, it is better to record the detailed discussion in the minutes. Roll call: ayes – Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays - none.
- Board Development: D. Conklin stated that the Michigan Library Association just put out this list of frequently asked questions about Intellectual Freedom. He thought this would be good for the Board to review because it’s such a hot topic right now. He further stated that GDL has a Collection Development Policy and patrons are able to challenge materials in our collection.
- MMLC: J. Towarnicky stated that MMLC is going through some significant changes, which she voted against. She stated MMLC is changing their core services. She stated MMLC believes the changes will be more equitable to the smaller libraries in the co-operative.
- Corporation Counsel: P. Mooney stated the talks with Mount Morris Township and Beecher Schools regarding the Beecher library building is done. D. Conklin stated that Beecher Schools is still responsible for the building and that the school administrators have moved out. He stated that Mount Morris Township has taken the Salvation Army building instead.
- GDL Foundation: Nothing to report.
- Written Reports: J. Towarnicky stated she appreciates the codes in the Library Director’s report on how items tie into the strategic plan.
- D. Hostetler offered kudos on saving \$20,000 on the carpeting project with Library Design. D. Conklin stated it would not have been possible without direction from the Board to attempt the re-negotiation.
- L. Ryals-Massey stated that the Personnel/Policy Committee will be looking at the Board By-laws and the people who get appointed. She stated she spoke to P. Parker about it and was told we don’t have the authority to write in the By-laws, the kind the trustees want.

Written Reports  
(continued):

She was told it needs to be taken to the forming entities of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners and Grand Blanc Township because they are the ones that appoint our trustees. She stated the Committee needs to meet to write their recommendations prior going to the forming authorities.

L. Ryals-Massey stated that going forward she would prefer the title Human Resources Manager to be listed as the MERS conference delegate and the title Director listed as the alternate delegate versus individual names. She stated this would eliminate the need to change names in the paperwork.

L. Ryals-Massey stated she hates to lose M. Boisclair, Youth Services Librarian. She stated that when you have such an excellent and creative employee, everyone wants them. D. Conklin stated that some of the librarians have been able to step up and hold programs that M. Boisclair was scheduled to do.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired if it is standard operating procedure to have employees write a report after they have attended a conference. D. Conklin replied it is and it goes to their direct supervisor and then is shared with him.

L. Ryals-Massey stated that she's impressed with all the webinars and classroom visits that have been done. She believes it will help combat some of the learning loss caused by the pandemic.

L. Ryals-Massey mentioned the necessary HVAC repairs and inquired about the Genesee Valley lease. P. Mooney stated he did not know how the negotiations are going. He stated the lease does not expire until the end of the year so there is still time. D. Conklin stated that Goyette will begin the repairs tomorrow and will hopefully be completed by the end of the week.

D. Hostetler noticed that Huntington Bank wanted to charge GDL all kinds of fees. A. Goldyn stated that the monthly fees were more than the interest being earned on the funds on deposit. She stated it was in GDL's best interest to close the accounts. D. Hostetler stated that he had a similar situation with them as well.

L. Ryals-Massey inquired who has access to the Chase card. A. Goldyn replied that the card is kept in her office. She stated that other managers do use it; however, they must provide documentation regarding each purchase made. D. Conklin stated that he has a separate Chase card for GDL purchases.

Monthly Statistics:

D. Conklin stated that if you look at the total circulation and compare last year to current year, you can see that the numbers are going way up. He stated that more people are starting to return to the library.

Finance Committee:

Nothing to report.

Personnel/Policy  
Committee:

L. Ryals-Massey stated that the committee needs to have a meeting to discuss the recommendations to the GDL's appointing authorities. D. Hostetler stated that the Committee was previously working on the by-laws. He stated that they were hung up on the Open Meetings Act and allowing members phone in to the meetings. D. Conklin stated the the State Senate and Representatives have different bills in committee to amend the Open Meetings Act. P. Mooney stated that Corporation Counsel will advise the Board if/when there are approved changes to the Open Meetings Act.

HQ-Delaney Carpet  
Grant:

V. Conerly-Moon moved to approve the new quote from Library Design for the carpeting project. Motion supported by D. Hostetler. Roll call: ayes – Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays - none.

Form L-4029 Tax Assessment

Authorization:

A. Goldyn explained that the form authorizes GDL to collect the property tax revenue needed to continue library operations. She stated the form needs to be signed by the Board Chair, L. Ryals-Massey and Board Secretary, J. Towarnicky. V. Conerly-Moon moved to have the appropriate members sign the form. Motion supported by J. Towarnicky. Roll call: ayes – Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays - none.

Appointment of MERS

Delegates:

V. Conerly-Moon moved to appoint the current Human Resources Manager as the MERS delegate and to have the current Library Director as the alternate delegate. Motion supported by R. Crites. Roll call: ayes – Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hostetler, Ryals-Massey and Towarnicky; nays - none.

Board Comments:

L. Ryals-Massey stated that M. Franklin, of ABC12, will be joining the Black History Month Brunch Committee. She stated that it is her hope that the event can be held in person in 2023 and that it will be spectacular, but within budget. V. Conerly-Moon stated that she was invited to the meeting; however, she is not able to attend. She stated she asked who is on the Committee and found out that two staff members are on it. She stated she believes that it's a conflict of interest to have staff on the Committee. L. Ryals-Massey stated she doesn't believe it's a conflict of interest because a rubrick is used to rate the nominees to select the honorees.

Adjournment:

6:40 pm.