

**MONROE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

1. At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library System held on March 9, 2015 at the Erie Branch Library, the meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Gregory at 5:00 p.m. Secretary Calder called roll.

Present: Laurence Gregory, Chair; Maryanne Bourque, Vice-Chair; Catharine Calder, Secretary; Elizabeth Taylor, Trustee; Bernie Smith, Trustee; and Nancy Bellaire, Director

Staff: Jane Steed; Shannen McMahon; Jadin Howton; Lou Komorowski; Suzanne Krueger

A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to transact business.

2. Motion by Vice-Chair Bourque, supported by Trustee Taylor to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Trustee Taylor, supported by Secretary Calder to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 board meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment—Senior Youth Technician Jadin Howton discussed the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program and shared the new reading logs with the board. She said that one family already has finished 250 books on the way to 1000. She also requested that “Stiggy’s Dogs”, a program that provides therapy dogs to veterans, be considered for our 2016 Fine Thing to do lineup. Jane Steed introduced newly appointed Erie/Luna Pier Librarian Shannen McMahon to the board.
5. Consent Agenda—Motion by Secretary Calder, supported by Trustee Taylor, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented, including the March 2015 Financial Reports, and place on file. Motion carried.
6. Committee Reports
  - Finance Committee**—Mrs. Taylor reported that Finance met just before the board meeting and discussed penal fines, as well as preliminary flooring pricing for the Technology Department and New Business agenda item c, approval of a credit card for the Outreach Services Department.
  - Facilities Committee**—Will meet this month.
  - Policy and Personnel Committee**—No report.
  - Technology Committee**—No meeting.
  - Woodlands Update**—Chair Gregory reported that Woodlands’ Governing Board will meet on Thursday.

**Legislative Update**—Chair Gregory reported that the current buzz in Lansing is all about promoting the upcoming proposal regarding road funding.

7. Unfinished Business—None.
8. New Business—Motion by Vice-Chair Bourque, supported by Secretary Calder, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending February 28, 2015 in the amount of \$336,054.04. Motion carried.  
Motion by Trustee Taylor, supported by Trustee Smith to reinvest \$2500 back into the Daume Scholarship Endowment in the event that no qualified candidates present themselves. Motion carried.  
Motion by Vice-Chair Bourque, supported by Secretary Calder to approve obtaining a Visa credit card for the Outreach Services Technician, with a low credit limit such as \$1500 if available. Motion carried.
9. Director's Report—Ms. Bellaire updated the board on an MPACT interview regarding library activities for youth and the City of Monroe's study of the former Masonic building. Youth Technician Barbra Krueger participated in the interview along with Ms. Bellaire. Promotional materials for a new computer product available through MCLS, ABC Mouse, were distributed as well.
10. Board Comments  
The board thanked Shannen McMahon for hosting the March meeting, and congratulated her on her new position. Maryanne Bourque complimented the Bedford staff on their booth at the Trade Fair. Catharine Calder thanked Jadin for the great work on the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program and asked Nancy Bellaire to pass along her compliments to Bill Reiser for a successful month of Blues programming.
11. Public Comment—Jadin Howton described the use of ABC Mouse by children while their parents are online as well.
12. Announcements  
Date of Next Board Meeting—April 13 @ 5 p.m. at the Bedford Branch Library, Temperance, Michigan
13. Adjournment  
Motion by Betsy Taylor, supported by Catharine Calder to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catharine Calder, Secretary

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Laurence Gregory, Chair