

**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 May 11, 2015 at the Navarre Branch Library, the meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Maryanne Bourque at 5:00 p.m. Secretary Calder called roll.

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

Excused: Laurence Gregory, Chair; Elizabeth Taylor, Trustee

Staff: Amber Reed, Lou Komorowski, Laurie Breitner, Patty Spencer, Jeff Anderson

Members of the public: Selma Rankins

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

2. Motion by Secretary Calder, supported by Trustee Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Trustee Smith, supported by Secretary Calder to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 board meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment–Selma Rankins thanked the MCLS Board for visiting the Navarre Branch, his favorite place, and expressed his wishes for it to be the best. Included in his wish list were more hours, materials, and a new modern facility.
Amber Reed, Community Librarian, also welcomed the board to Navarre and shared information about the girls’ club program as well as building updates including new windows and accent carpet replacement.
Jeff Anderson introduced our new downloadable product, Hoopla. Unfortunately the projector bulb was burned out so the demonstration was oral as opposed to visual.
5. Consent Agenda–Motion by Secretary Calder, supported by Trustee Smith, to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented, including the April 2015 Financial Reports, and place on file. Motion carried.

6. Committee Reports

Finance Committee—Mrs. Bourque reported that she had met with Ms. Bellaire just before the board meeting and discussed the financial report and noted that 94% of our expected tax revenue is in and that the County had issued an update to the fine total received in January which increased the distribution by approximately \$4000.

Facilities Committee—No meeting. Ms. Calder said that South Rockwood and City of Monroe study updates were listed in the Director’s Report.

Policy and Personnel Committee—No report.

Technology Committee—No meeting.

Woodlands Update—None.

Legislative Update—Ms. Bellaire attended a Detroit Suburban Roundtable meeting in Romulus with Sen. Hopgood and Rep. Geiss. Both the Senator and Representative understood how critical it is to hold State Aid to Libraries and penal fine revenue harmless as they work with their colleagues to find a logical resolution to the transportation and road funding issues. Also discussed were gun legislation as it pertains to open carry in public libraries, PPT reimbursements, and the Governor’s Pre-K—3 initiative.

7. Unfinished Business—None.

8. New Business—Motion by Secretary Calder, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending April 30, 2015 in the amount of \$237,893.60. Motion carried.

Motion by Secretary Calder, supported by Trustee Smith to approve posting a clerical position for Maybee, up to 12 hours per week, due to a staff request to reduce their hours.

9. Director’s Report— Mrs. Bellaire shared information from the Genealogical Society of Monroe County newsletter, that Reference Librarian Mary Vergowven is the current Vice-President, that Ellis will host a “Lock-In” on August 15, from 5-9, and that volunteers at Ellis have created an index listing all soldiers mentioned in the Monroe Evening News from 1942-1944, available on our website. She offered to share the full printout of the ALA publication, The State of America’s Libraries 2015, and passed around a plaque presented to the Ida Branch in recognition of their participation in Christmas in Ida.

10. Board Comments

The board thanked Amber and Navarre for hosting the meeting. Bernie Smith complimented Amber for having a full and active library. Secretary Calder thanked Mr. Rankins for sharing his thoughts and agreed that all residents should be served equally and receive the best services in every branch. Ms. Calder and Mrs. Bourque reminded him that library buildings in Monroe County are the responsibility of local units of government and that we work cooperatively to provide service to our communities. Mrs. Bourque also thanked Laurie, Jeff, and Lou for their work.

11. Public Comment – Mr. Rankins restated his desire for a larger facility to replace Navarre which would include more books and movies for children. He challenged the board to avoid discrimination when making plans for library service.

12. Announcements--

Date of Next Board Meeting–June 8 @ 5 p.m. at the Vivian Branch
Library, Monroe, Michigan

13. Adjournment

Motion by Cathe Calder, supported by Bernie Smith to adjourn the meeting at
5:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catharine Calder, Secretary

Maryanne Bourque, Vice-Chair