

**MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Bloomfield Township Public Library  
Oakland County, Michigan  
**Tuesday, August 18, 2015**

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At 6:45 p.m. the 2015 Jeanette P. Myers Memorial Scholarship Award was presented. Pam Williams and Eli Greenbaum, Trustees on the Myers Scholarship Committee, thanked the family of the late Rodman Myers on behalf of the Library and this community. Aeneas Koosis was awarded \$800.00. Aeneas is attending Michigan State University. Rodman Myers, Jr. and his family congratulated Aeneas. The Myers Scholarship reception concluded at 7:07 p.m.

At 7:16 p.m. the Bloomfield Township Public Library's Public Budget Hearing was called to order by President Joan Luksik.

At 7:24 p.m. the Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President, Joan Luksik.

**Present:** Trustees: Peggy Cohen, Grant Gerhart, Eli Greenbaum, Judy Lindstrom, Joan Luksik, and Pam Williams

**Administration:** Library Director, Carol Mueller; Assistant Director, Tera Moon; Finance Coordinator, Beth Sulek-LaHousse; Director's Secretary, Andrea Aragona

**Guests:** Klaren Gerhart, Township resident, and Robin Lang, SOC representative

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Eli Greenbaum, seconded by Grant Gerhart **TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR AND CONSENT AGENDAS.**

*A vote was taken for approval of the motion.*

*Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Greenbaum, Lindstrom, Williams*

*Nays: None*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**President's Verbal Report:**

Joan stated that we had a wonderful summer here at the Library with all our programs and without summer Sunday closings! Joan stated that the Friends of the Library had their largest 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Sale with revenue in the amount of \$4,000.00! She commended the Friends on all their hard work and all they do for the Library.

**Director's Verbal Report:**

Carol stated that we had a special visit in July from a group of students from China. The twenty students from China were partnered with twenty students at the International Academy. The students were in the computer lab and took advantage of Mango Languages and also the World Language Collection in our Youth Room during their tour of the Library. It was a very special day and we were honored to have the students here at the Library.

The lovely new Butterfly Magnolia tree installed on the east side of the Library, which was donated by the Ikebana Society in memory of Toshiko Shimoura, really compliments our Zen Garden. Members of the Ikebana Society came to view the tree and shared their memories of the Japanese Garden planted over 40 years ago at the Library. This original Japanese Garden unfortunately was sacrificed during the building expansion.

Carol shared several wonderful remarks she received from patrons regarding the Library with the Trustees.

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION:**

After discussion, a motion was made by Pam Williams, seconded by Judy Lindstrom, **TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING: CASH DISBURSEMENTS.**

*A vote was taken for approval of the motion.*

*Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Greenbaum, Lindstrom, Williams*

*Nays: None*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

*Call to the Public:* Joan welcomed Robin Lang, SOC representative and Klaren Gerhart, Township resident.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*No items for discussion*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Proposed 2016 Calendar*

Carol stated that the proposed 2016 calendar includes eleven total days closed to the public and only one early closing. This is the same number of closed days as in 2015. This calendar does not include any closings on summer Sundays as a result of the approval by Bloomfield Township voters of the library millage proposal. Carol received several inquiries as to whether or not we were going to be open on Sunday, July 3, 2015. Carol stated that on July 5, 2015, just under 1600 items were borrowed and 443 visitors came to the Library. These figures are about one half of the usual Sunday statistics. The Trustees felt it is really important to have a place to come on a holiday if patrons did not have other plans and this warranted remaining open on Sunday, July 3, 2016.

After discussion, a motion was made by Grant Gerhart, seconded by Pam Williams, **TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2016 LIBRARY CALENDAR OF HOLIDAYS AND CLOSINGS AS PRESENTED.**

*A vote was taken for approval of the motion.*

*Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Greenbaum, Lindstrom, Williams*

*Nays: None*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

A question was raised with regard to the "0" amount check written to Goldner Walsh Nursery on the check register. Carol explained that we pre-purchase a garden maintenance agreement in March and the charges for maintenance we receive are charged against that certificate and will not reflect as a dollar amount on the check register.

**OTHER:**

Joan reminded the Trustees of our Investment Services interviews on Monday August 31, 2015 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees is Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Submitted by:

Pam Williams, Secretary