

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

Oakland County, Michigan
Tuesday, December 15, 2015

At 7:00p.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; Director's Secretary, Andrea Aragona

Guests: Emily Hudak, SOC representative, Rob Cullin, Kimberly Bolan and Associates.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Eli Greenbaum, seconded by Judy Lindstrom **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 wished everyone a very happy holiday season and stated that we are looking forward to a great new year at the Library.

Director's Verbal Report:

Carol stated that this years' holiday party had a record response with almost 120 people in attendance. She thanked Judy Lindstrom for facilitating a very enjoyable holiday quiz during the dinner and also thanked Pam Williams for her gift of two tickets to the musical *Newsies* including parking that was given to a lucky attendee. Big thanks to the Friends of the Library for providing funding for this party and to our SOC representatives, Robin Lang, Connie Silver, and Emily Hudak for planning this wonderful event.

Carol extended her wishes to the Trustees for a wonderful holiday season!

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION:

After discussion, a motion was made by Grant Gerhart, seconded by Pam Williams, **TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING: NO ITEMS REMOVED**

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 Emily Hudak, SOC representative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

10a Appointments of Committees

Joan reviewed the new committee appointments with the Trustees. Joan thanked all the Trustees for serving faithfully on their appointed committees.

NEW BUSINESS:

11a Strategic Plan

Rob Cullin of Kimberly Bolan and Associates reviewed the final draft of the new strategic plan. This plan addresses the needs and interests of the community as revealed during the twelve community focus groups and 270 online survey responses. All this information was combined with the joint experience of the Board of Trustees, Library Staff and community representatives to develop the goals of the strategic plan that will be implemented over the next five years.

Carol stated she is looking forward to working with staff to implement this new strategic plan. The Trustees agreed that we should have an annual review of the strategic plan as it goes hand in hand with the annual budget. This annual meeting will be set up for the month of December each year.

After discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom, seconded by Peggy Cohen, **TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2016-2020.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Greenbaum, Lindstrom, Williams

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

11b PA 152

Carol reviewed that Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, requires public employees to contribute to their health insurance costs. She reviewed the employer's three options to choose for funding health care costs. Carol stated that it is recommended by the Finance and Personnel committees to adopt Option 1, known as the Hard Cap Option, because of its known costs for our budgeting purposes.

After discussion, a motion was made by Peggy Cohen, seconded by Eli Greenbaum, **TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE HARD CAP OPTION, AS STATED IN PA 152, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016.**

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

No items removed from Consent Agenda.

After discussion, a motion was made by Pam Williams, seconded by Grant Gerhart, **TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Greenbaum, Lindstrom, Williams

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER:

Carol, Grant and Eli attended the MLA presentation on the Top Ten Issues Every Library Trustee Should Know. Grant and Carol shared some of their notes on this presentation.

Judy reminded everyone that Saturday, December 19th is the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 10:30 in the newly refurbished Youth Services Alcoves. All are welcome to attend.

Pam was recently at a book signing and obtained an autographed copy of *Big Lessons from a Small Town*, by Bill Schuette which she has donated to the Library collection.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees is Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room.

Submitted by:

Judy Lindstrom, Secretary