

MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Bloomfield Township Public Library
Oakland County, Michigan
Tuesday, April 24, 2018

At 7:00 p.m. the Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Eli Greenbaum.

Present: Trustees: Tom Deska, Sandra Edwards, Eli Greenbaum, Grant Gerhart, Judy Lindstrom, and Joan Luksik

Administration: Library Director Carol Mueller, Assistant Director Tera Moon, Administrative Assistant Linden Godlove,

Guests: Ed Niemchak, Adult Services Librarian and Staff Organization Committee Representative (SOC)

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom, seconded by Joan Luksik **TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR AND CONSENT AGENDAS.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Deska, Edwards, Gerhart, Greenbaum, Lindstrom and Luksik

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

President's Verbal Report:

President Eli Greenbaum remarked that, in keeping with tradition, he is keeping his remarks very short and passing it on to our Director.

Director's Verbal Report:

Director Mueller wanted to thank the Trustees for a very successful and lovely photo reception. Over one hundred people attended and it was wonderful. She thanked the Trustees for assisting with the award presentation as well. The winning photos can be viewed in the lobby display case. The Director also recommended the Trustees look at the Local History display cases, which will be featuring items from a different continent each month with many artifacts loaned by library staff.

The Director was happy to share that the Library's "Writers' Rendezvous" group has been meeting for over 22 years and recently published a collection of their works as a book called *Rendezvous*. In book's dedication, they reported that hundreds of writers have been a part of the group over the years and the rendezvous would not be possible without the foresight of Adult Services Department Head Ann Williams, who created a space for local writers to share ideas. The group was founded in 1995 by Tim Patrick, who has led it since its inception.

Director Mueller is very proud of what they have accomplished at our Library.

This Library is known for making great bibliographies and bookmarks. Youth Services Librarian Lauren Aquilina created a “cootie catcher” bibliography that was given to each of the Trustees. In just a couple of weeks, “Art from the Hills” will return to the Library. This is the tenth year that the Library has hosted this art event. The opening reception is on Tuesday, May 15 and starts at 4:30 p.m. There will be some really creative artwork from local students on exhibit to enjoy.

The Myers scholarship is now open and the deadline for applications is June 1, 2018. Applicants must have some connection to the Library and even having a Library Card qualifies as a connection to the Library.

Director Mueller was happy to announce that the Village Club Foundation awarded a \$6,000 grant from Seedlings Braille Books for Children. The Seedlings will give Bloomfield Township Public Library and Oxford Public Library funding to purchase braille books for their Youth Services collections.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Call to the Public: President Eli Greenbaum welcomed Ed Niemchak, Adult Services Librarian and Staff Organization Committee Representative (SOC).

Ed Niemchak recently attended the first meeting of the Michigan Alliance for Cultural Accessibility. Jen Taggart, Youth Services Assistant Department Head, has been working with the Board for the Michigan Science Center, to build this joint project of different cultural institutions in the area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

11a Space Needs and Wayfinding Presentation

Eli Greenbaum introduced consultants from Quinn Evans--Geraldine Drake, Jim Mumby, and Fatima Beacham--who shared several concepts for changing spaces in the Library. The Trustees’ mission was to have an open mind about spaces and wayfinding. Everything that Quinn Evans is presenting has been reviewed and supported by the Buildings and Grounds committee. Quinn Evans answered the Trustee’s questions about the concepts. All ideas were unanimously supported by the Trustees.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items removed

OTHER:

Judy Lindstrom wanted to apologize for not introducing all of the Board of Trustees at the “Capture the World through Your Lens” reception. She also observed that the daffodils in the gardens were “so wonderful right now.”

Carol Mueller reminded the Trustees that there is a planting of the tricolor beech tree in honor of Virginia Smith on Wednesday, May 2 at 11 a.m.

Sandy Edwards reported about the April Friends meeting, where Director Mueller presented a request to the Friends for sponsorship of the library event on October 13. A new wish list was also presented with seven requests totaling at \$15,000. The Friends will respond about the sponsorship at the May meeting. They will vote on the wish list in June.

Grant Gerhart commented that the last Chamber music concert was fantastic.

At 8:23 p.m. President Eli Greenbaum adjourned the meeting. The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Deska". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Deska, Secretary