

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

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Oakland County, Michigan
Tuesday, November 19, 2019

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

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

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

Guests: Anna Pelepchuk, Circulation Department Head and Staff Organization Committee Representative (SOC); Barbara Bloom, Bloomfield Township Resident

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Eli Greenbaum and seconded by Tom Deska **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 Judy Lindstrom recalled her father telling her as a child when the days seemed long, "never wish away time." Now, in the holiday time where Halloween has passed, Thanksgiving is around the corner, Christmas is coming, and the other holidays will continue by in a whirl, she wished everyone to be safe during this wonderful period of time and "don't let it go so fast and enjoy each day." She wished all to have happy holidays.

Director's Verbal Report:

Director Carol Mueller had a Power Point presentation to share with updates on the roof project. There were photos shared of the work in progress. Despite the noise and confusion in the Library building and in the parking lot, there were no complaints by patrons. She also shared images of the lobby floor before, during, and after the renovations. While this process was quite disruptive, everyone seemed to take the renovation in good stride.

She also reviewed the Commons Area improvements with a timeline of the work to be done. Director Mueller feels that the Library has been ahead of the curve with this creation of a Commons seating area. With the considerable traffic in the Library, she feels confident that it will

get great use.

There are proposed amendments at the state level to the library privacy act. If these proposed amendments are passed, it would enable libraries, if they choose, to work with law enforcement if the library is a victim of a crime or a crime occurs at the library. Currently, the library requires law enforcement to get a court order before the library gives out information. The Michigan Library Association has not yet issued an opinion on this, but they are meeting on December 13th.

The Staff Organization Committee is giving December funds raised from casual Fridays to the Endowment Fund in honor of the Library Board.

Director Mueller shared a thank you note from Youth Services to Klaren Gerhardt for caring for their Sesame Street characters before a program in celebration of the show's 50th anniversary.

The Budget meeting is now on March 12, 2020.

She also shared an orange paper maple leaf. The Youth Services has created a Grateful Tree and she encouraged the trustees to write an expression of gratitude on the leaf to be hung on the tree.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Call to the Public:

Anna Pelepchuk, Circulation Department Head and representative of the SOC, had nothing to report. A staff member made a suggestion that staff could wear something in remembrance of veterans who served on Veterans Day, which the SOC endorsed. She encouraged attendance of the Library Holiday party. There will be trivia and prizes, as well as games of bocce. December is casual month for the staff and all the money collected will be given for the endowment fund.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

11a. Election of Officers

President Lindstrom thanked the Nominating Committee, Tom Deska and Eli Greenbaum, for creating a slate of officers for the year. The Committee met to discuss what had been occurring and what the future might be. They suggested carrying forth as it has been. The Trustees elected the following officers to serve the 2019-20 term: Judy Lindstrom, President; Grant Gerhart, Vice President; Sandy Edwards, Secretary.

For Secretary Sandy Edwards

All in favor, none opposed

For Vice President Grant Gerhardt

All in favor, none opposed

For President Judy Lindstrom
All in favor, none opposed

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

11b. Board of Trustees Standing Committees

Judy Lindstrom announced that there will be an appointment of committees. Each board member should review the committees that they are on and decide if they wish to remain on these committees or join a different committee by December 5. Otherwise all will remain on the committees they are currently on.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None.

OTHER:

Sandy Edwards reported on the Wednesday, November 6 Friends of the Library meeting. Their October book sale totaled over \$5,000. Since the meeting, they reported that the November book sale raised \$ 4,539. They are \$8,000 ahead of last year. They have ordered the book sale calendar magnets. They will be supplying children's books and parent resource materials for Teach for America. Kim Hoke will now serve as Friends Volunteer Coordinator and will work carefully to organize efforts. Eve Parsons, who has been doing the marketing and set up a Facebook Page for the Friends, gave a marketing report. The Friends are purchasing new acrylic racks and stools. The Book Nook has been reorganized. Eve Parsons has recently resigned from the Friends Board of Trustees and her marketing role. The next Friends Board meeting is on Wednesday, December 4. Sandy Edwards expressed appreciation for all of the wonderful things the Friends have funded for the Library, including the Library Holiday Party.

Joan Luksik remarked that the latest newsletter is lovely.

Director Mueller thanked the Trustees again for all that they do, the generous Friends, and the great staff. She is so very grateful.

President Lindstrom reported a wild turkey sighting on Library grounds. Over twenty turkeys were spotted.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, December 17 at 7 p.m.

At 7:36 p.m. President Lindstrom adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:

Sandra Edwards

Sandra Edwards, Secretary