

**Flint District Library  
October 1, 2015 Regular Board Meeting  
Flint Public Library, Room 205, 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Mr. David McGhee, Ms. Linda Pylypiw, Mr. James Richardson, Mrs. Reta Stanley, Mr. Brian Larkin, Mr. Matthew Schlinker, Ms. Erycka Hunter

**Staff:** Mrs. Kay Schwartz, Ms. Leslie Acevedo, Mrs. Ilene Harris, Mr. Rick Dunning, Mrs. Connie Palmer, Mrs. Julie McCullough, Mrs. Wanda Harden

**Call to Order:** Mr. McGhee called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

**Oath of Office:** Judge Newblatt gave Ms. Erycka Hunter the oath of office and appointed her to a three year term of office ending September 30, 2018. The group welcomed her to the Board and introduced themselves.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Schlinker moved approval. Mrs. Stanley supported. Motion carried.

**Nominating Committee Discussion:** The city has not acted on our request to reappoint Mr. Schlinker to a three year term ending September 2018. Mr. Richardson made a motion to have Mr. Schlinker continue to serve as a voting member until he is either reappointed or replaced. Ms. Pylypiw supported. Motion carried.

**Election of Board Officers:** Mr. Larkin read the election results as compiled and Mr. McGhee asked for additional nominations from the floor for each office. None were made. Ms. Pylypiw made a motion to approve the following slate of officers for a one year term:

President: Mr. David McGhee  
Vice President: Ms. Linda Pylypiw  
Treasurer: Mr. James Richardson  
Secretary: Mr. Brian Larkin

Mrs. Stanley supported. Motion carried.

**Appointment of Committee Members:** Mr. McGhee made the following committee appointments:

Finance, Budget & Policy: Mr. James Richardson, Ms. Erycka Hunter, Mr. Matthew Schlinker  
Facilities: Mr. James Richardson, Mr. David McGhee  
Fundraising & PR: Ms. Linda Pylypiw, Mr. James Richardson, Mr. Matthew Schlinker  
HR & Operations: Mrs. Reta Stanley, Mr. David McGhee, Ms. Erycka Hunter  
Nominating: Ms. Linda Pylypiw, Mrs. Reta Stanley, Mr. Brian Larkin  
Flint Board of Education Representative: Mr. Brian Larkin

Ms. Pylypiw moved approval. Mr. Larkin supported. Motion carried.

**Call to Public:** No members of the public had comments or questions.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Richardson moved approval of the 9/3/15 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Larkin supported. Motion carried.

**Budget, Finance and Policy Committee**

**Pre-audit Monthly Financial and Investment Report ending August 31, 2015:** Mrs. Palmer briefly reviewed the statements. Total cash is up 70.03%. Total current assets are up 39.09%. Total assets are up 18.36%. Total current liabilities are down 26.35%. Total noncurrent liabilities are down 4.64%. Total liabilities are down 13.95%. Total liabilities and net assets are up 18.36%. We have received 51.87% of our revenue budget and the fiscal year is 16.67% complete. Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the statements as presented. Mr. Schlinker supported. Motion carried.

**Budget Amendment Discussion:** Mrs. Palmer presented updated information regarding the penal fines received from the state. Good news! We expected \$70k and received a bit over \$102k, so the increase will be added to the current budget when amended.

Mrs. Schwartz noted that the administrative activity area will need to be adjusted to account for Mrs. Palmer's return to FPL. We continue to negotiate with FIA for security services, and we expect that agreement to be completed soon.

Mrs. Schwartz presented an idea repairing, refreshing and upgrading the appearance of the Loan Checkout Desk. The project would be budgeted at \$18-20,000 and would serve to give patrons and donors a preview of the kind of exciting designs we might have in a renovated library. Discussion ensued. The group agreed to table the discussion and will continue it at the December 2015 regular meeting when THA's Jeff Bennett will be in attendance to discuss the project.

**Fundraising and PR Committee:**

Ms. Pylypiw noted that she and local attorney/former FDL Board President Robert MacDonald will soon be sending a letter to local business contacts seeking support for the Library's annual campaign.

We are still waiting for updates on the FirstMerit and Hagerman Foundation grant requests, and total donations received to date are \$40k.

**Millage Update:** Mrs. Schwartz continues to meet with Flint City Council members and other local representatives as part of the millage education effort. The Citizens for the Flint Public Library has reserved space at Luigi's restaurant to watch the election results on November 3. Mr. Richardson shared that a millage fundraiser will be held on October 12 at the White Horse, and trustees are welcome to meet with him for discussion after this meeting.

**New Business:** None noted.

**President's Remarks:** Mr. McGhee welcomed Ms. Hunter to the Board and expressed that she is both 'from' this community and 'for' this community. Several local organizations have been able to utilize her talents and we are grateful to work with her.

He also shared that he was very thankful to sit on a Board that loves literacy, and noted that FPL will soon place a small library at *A Kut Above* barbershop to encourage reading by local boys of color, ages 4 through 10. This will serve as a pilot project for possible expansion.

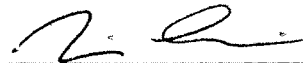
**Director's Remarks:**

Over 50 StoryCorps interviews have been completed to date, and trustees are encouraged to participate if they haven't already done so. We will be meeting with FIA and Sloan soon to determine the best way to display the upcoming exhibit.

The Flint and Genesee Literacy Network kicked off its Literacy for Life communications campaign at FPL on 9/24. The group is addressing how critically low literacy rates are impacting the region's future, and the library has been at the table from the very beginning. FPL has committed six staff members to continue working with the Network.

**Recent & Upcoming Activities:** Ms. Acevedo distributed the October Bookpages to the group and mentioned several programs including the 10/29 author visit with Jeffery Renard Allen.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:48 pm.



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Mr. Brian Larkin, Secretary