

**Flint District Library
March 3, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
Flint Public Library, Room 205, 5:30 p.m.**

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

Absent with notification: Mrs. Reta Stanley

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

Call to Order: Mr. McGhee called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Larkin moved approval. Mr. Richardson supported. Motion carried.

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

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Richardson moved approval of the 2/4/16 Regular Meeting minutes. Ms. Pylypiw supported. Motion carried.

Budget, Finance and Policy Committee

Monthly Financial and Investment Report ending January 31, 2016: Mrs. Palmer briefly reviewed the statements. Total cash is up 61.46%. Total current assets are up 28.59%. Total assets are up 13.44%. Total current liabilities are down 34.53%. Total noncurrent liabilities are down 4.66%. Total liabilities are down 17.46%. Total liabilities and net assets are up 13.44%. We have received 69.16% of our revenue budget and the fiscal year is 58.74% complete. Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the statements as presented. Ms. Pylypiw supported. Motion carried.

Fundraising and PR Committee:

- The campaign total to date is approximately \$130k.
- The new donation box for the lobby should be ready to go by the end of April.
- The planning continues for the Saturday, May 7 fundraiser at Barnes & Noble and all are invited to volunteer or attend to support the project.
- The Fundraising subcommittee met by phone yesterday and has identified one additional firm to possibly engage in the next phase of our strategic planning process. The group is comfortable that any of the three organizations could perform the work well. Discussion ensued. An update will be provided at the next regular Board meeting.

President's Remarks: Mr. McGhee shared information about Thunderclap, an online messaging tool that spreads a message between friends, much like an "online flash mob." Thunderclap lets users share the same message at the same time, spreading an idea through Facebook, Twitter, and Tumblr. He advised the group to check it out online, and noted that the social reach could extend well beyond the initial audience if a post is heavily liked or retweeted.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: None noted.

Director's Remarks:

- Great news! We will be continuing the StoryCorps project starting April 1 with the theme of *Flint Voices Matter*. A reception for our facilitators is scheduled for early March, and we hope to spread the word so that more community members can tell their stories.
- Open eBooks, a new initiative and e-reader app that will make thousands of popular, top-selling eBooks available to children in need for free, has recently launched. First Lady Michelle Obama is helping to raise awareness of this new opportunity for children, and the initiative is designed to address the challenge of providing digital reading materials to children living in low-income households. This will offer great access to quality digital content.
- GearUp2Lead has started a community book drive, and FPL will support this project via a drop box which will be placed on the first floor for patrons and staff to make their contributions.
- Five staff members are headed to the March 2016 *Computers in Libraries* conference in Washington D.C., and the group is very excited to glean more information about maker spaces and digital literacy.
- An update about the personal property tax reimbursement should be forthcoming, and further details will be provided as we get them.
- The quote to refresh the Loan desk area came in higher than expected, so we will not pursue that project at this time, but we may consider a more modest project over the next couple of months.

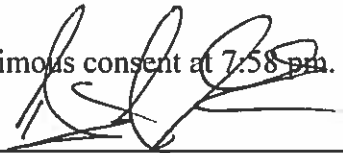
Recent & Upcoming Activities: Ms. Acevedo distributed the March Bookpages and the March/April calendar to the group and mentioned several programs including the ongoing Winter Concert series and the upcoming Earth Day collaborations with the FCCC.

Closed Session: At 6:48 pm, Ms. Pylypiw made a request for the Board to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations. Mr. Larkin supported. A roll call vote was taken: Hunter-aye, Schlinker-aye, Richardson-aye, Pylypiw-aye, Larkin-aye, McGhee-aye. Motion carried.

The closed session began at 6:57 pm.

At 7:55 pm, Mr. Schlinker moved that the Board end the closed session. Pylypiw supported. A roll call vote was taken: Hunter-aye, Schlinker-aye, Richardson-aye, Pylypiw-aye, Larkin-aye, McGhee-aye. Motion carried. The closed session was adjourned at 7:57 pm. The regular meeting resumed at 7:58 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:58 pm.



Mr. David McGhee, President