

**Flint District Library
September 1, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
Flint Public Library, Room 205, 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. James Richardson, Ms. Linda Pylypiw, Mr. Brian Larkin, Mr. Matthew Schlinker

Absent with notification: Ms. Erycka Hunter, Mrs. Reta Stanley, Mr. David McGhee

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

Call to Order: Ms. Pylypiw called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the 8/4/16 Annual Meeting Minutes and the 8/4/16 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Schlinker supported. Motion carried.

Budget, Finance and Policy Committee

Update from Finance Meeting: Mr. Richardson stated that because we are in the interim (audit) period, there will be no financial report tonight.

Fundraising and PR Committee: Mrs. Harris shared the following:

- Total funds to date are approximately \$25k.
- Mrs. Harris shared that she will be retiring effective Friday, September 16. The trustees thanked her for her excellent, dedicated service to FPL over the past four years and for leaving the library in such good shape for the future.

Philanthropy Discussion with Kennari: Janet Zahn from Kennari Consulting briefly spoke to the group by phone concerning the Board's role in Fund Development. She noted the unique and diverse skill set that the trustees possess and stressed that listening to prospective donors plays a key role in the development process.

Old Business

Director's Contract: Provisions included within the second amendment of the contract include an extension of the employment agreement to June 30, 2019 and having FPL provide additional paid term life insurance with an annual premium up to \$1000 to become effective no later than November 1, 2016. A brief discussion ensued.

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Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept the second amendment of the Director's contract as presented. Mr. Larkin supported. Motion carried.

Update-Board Officer Nominations Process: Good news! The City of Flint recently reappointed Mr. Richardson to a three year term ending September 30, 2019. The Flint Board of Education has also reappointed both Mrs. Stanley and Mr. Larkin to three year terms ending September 30, 2019. Judge Newblatt will be invited to the October meeting to administer the oath of office to all.

New Business

Imagination Library Grant Proposal: Mrs. Schwartz shared information about this program launched by country music star Dolly Parton and The Dollywood Foundation. The Imagination Library provides pre-school aged children with a free hardcover book every month from birth to the age of five, and over 900,000 children receive books from the Imagination Library each month. FPL would like to apply for this grant with the backing of several strong community partners. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Larkin made a motion to authorize the Library Director to implement the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program in collaboration with other members of the Flint & Genesee Literacy Network by submitting a funding proposal to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint and by providing the technical support needed to manage the program. The Friends of FPL will also participate as the named "Local Champion." Mr. Schlinker supported. Motion carried.

President's Remarks: None due to the absence of Mr. McGhee.

Director's Remarks:

- We will be promoting our new E-Card mailers as part of our ongoing commitment to community outreach. By signing up for an E-Card, patrons can download any of our digital resources (e-books, e-magazines, music, etc.) while at FPL or home. It will also allow patrons to use FPL computers within the building.
- Gale, a Cengage Learning company, recently announced it has raised \$25,000 to support the education of children affected by the Flint water crisis. In partnership with the United Way of Genesee County, the money raised will be donated to the Flint Public Library, the Genesee Intermediate School District, and SKIP preschool programs. The United Way of Genesee County will handle allocation of the funds. The money was raised through Gale employee-driven events, such as bake sales and car washes, and was matched by Gale's parent company, Cengage Learning.
- Mrs. Schwartz gave a brief demonstration of the new website, which will be officially launched on Monday, September 12.

Recent & Upcoming Activities: Ms. Acevedo distributed the September Bookpages to the group and mentioned several programs including the Summer Reading Challenge Finale and the 8/27 Blues Concert, which was quite well-attended.

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We have switched to a much more condensed version of our program guide, so that we can do some TV and radio advertising instead. Children's activities will be the main focus of the new guide, in alignment with our ongoing *Learn for Life* commitment.

Adjournment: Mr. Larkin made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schlinker supported. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:13 pm.


Mr. Brian Larkin, Secretary