

**Flint District Library
March 7, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
Flint Public Library, Room 205, 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Ms. Linda Pylypiw, Mr. Jim Richardson, Mr. Moses Bingham, Ms. Kathy Jackson, Mrs. Reta Stanley, Mr. Brian Larkin, Mr. David McGhee (by phone)

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

Call to Order: Ms. Pylypiw called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Larkin made a motion to approve. Mrs. Stanley supported. Motion carried.

Call to Public: There were no questions or comments from the public.

Kennari Fundraising Feasibility Report: On behalf of Kennari Consulting, Ms. Janet Zahn presented the results of the report to the group. Several positive findings were noted, including FPL's critical role in the Flint community and how our ongoing work relates to local literacy efforts. Ms. Zahn reviewed possible next steps. Discussion ensued. Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept the report with gratitude. Mrs. Stanley supported. Motion carried.

Approval of 2/7/19 Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve. Ms. Jackson supported. Motion carried.

Finance, Budget, and Policy Committee

Financial and Investment Report ending 1/31/19: We have completed 58.33% of the fiscal year. Property tax collections received to date are \$2,075,039.63, approximately 74.86% of expected collections. The library has used 55.27% of budget appropriations. We have total unrestricted cash of \$4,290,580.82 and \$156,063.68 is needed for current liabilities. Total cash will cover operations for 13 months. Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the report. Mr. Larkin supported. Motion carried.

Ruth Mott Foundation Grant Proposal Authorization: Mr. Richardson made a motion to authorize the Director to develop a grant proposal to the Ruth Mott Foundation in the appropriate amount required for general operating expenses for the next fiscal year. Mr. Bingham supported. Motion carried.

Updates from Board Committees

Building Renovation Committee: None.

Fundraising & PR Committee: Funds raised to date are approximately \$117k including outstanding pledges and we continue to move forward in a positive direction. Over 30 people were present at the recent donor reception and it was a festive and upbeat event.

Board Nominating Committee: The committee will soon begin to look for nominees to fill the next three trustee openings. Further details will be presented as the process continues.

Other Committees: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

President's Remarks: None.

Director's Remarks

- Mrs. Schwartz thanked those who were able to attend the recent donor appreciation event and noted that the turnout was quite good in spite of the inclement weather.
- Welcome to Tina Hayes and Jenny Jones who are both recent additions to our staff. We are still seeking qualified applicants for the Digital Learning Specialist/Librarian.
- A brief discussion ensued regarding the start time of the Tuesday 3/26 Board education session. The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm. A light meal will be served, and Mrs. Palmer will prepare and email some basic materials to the group this week.

Recent & Upcoming Activities: Ms. Acevedo distributed the March BookPages and the March/April/May calendar and mentioned several upcoming programs including the 3/23 Basic Needs Fair and the 3/27 Flint ReCAST movie event.

Adjournment: Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Larkin supported. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:03 pm.



Mrs. Reta Stanley, Secretary