



Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
Coldwater Branch Library  
10 E. Chicago St., Coldwater MI 49036  
Monday, April 17, 2017  
5:30 pm

Approved  
May 15,  
2017

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

BDL President Erica Ewers called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll Call / Attendance

Board Members Present: Erica Ewers, Daniel Gordon, Benjamin Jewell (arrived at 6:10pm), Marilyn Johnson, Susan Smith, Martha Watson.

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Linda Lyshol, John Rucker, Gina Horn, Kimberly Feltner, Jessica Tefft, Lynnell Eash, Lisa Wood, Donnie Deeren, Nadeen Deeren, Dorothy Cherry and other members of the public.

### 4. Time for Public Comments

Ms. Deeren – Very upset to hear that the board plans to hire a firm from outside of Michigan to do a strategic plan when she feels that the board should be able to find someone within the state and will not support the library if continue to spend tax payer dollars out of state.

Ms. Cherry – Has concerns with spending money on a strategic plan when we have a building with lead paint on three sides, a leaking roof and a crumbling foundation and a front porch that we don't use, that the City wants us to spend \$25,000 to fix.

Martha Watson – addressed the concerns, telling them we have not hired a firm, we are still looking, but we do need a strategic plan. We also are fully aware of the condition of this building and the lease we have with the city.

### 5. Consent Agenda (Items A-H)

**Motion made by Watson, supported by Gordon, to approve the Consent Agenda as written and place the items within on file. Motion carried.**

- A) BDL Regular Board Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2017
- B) BDL Special Board Meeting Minutes: April 3, 1017
- C) Financial Statements & Reports: March 2017
- D) Preliminary Branch County Penal Fine Report: March 2017
- E) Administrative Reports: April 2017
- F) Branch Reports: March 2017
- G) Monthly Statistical Report: March 2017
- H) Publicity and Comments: March/April 2017

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

**6. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion made by Smith supported by Gordon to approve the Agenda adding Employee Recognition. Motion carried.**

**7. Bills: March 3, 17 and March 31, 2017**

**Motion made by Watson, supported by Smith, to approve the bills of March 3, 17 and March 31, 2017. Motion carried.**

**8. Capital Requests:**

**Motion made by Watson, supported by Jewell, to approve changing table for Quincy branch. Motion carried.**

**9. Fine Forgiveness:**

**Discussion**

**10. Personnel Committee: met on April 14, 2017**

**Motion by Watson, supported by Gordon, to have Taylor Plant & Watkins do an audit from January 2017 to present. Motion failed.**

**11. Strategic Planning:**

Public comments and discussion. Watson would like the Director to go back and see why the other companies did not bid and call the Library of Michigan Director to see if we can get some direction.

**12. Employee Recognition**

**13. Announcements**

The next scheduled meeting of the Branch District Library Board of Trustees will be held Monday, May15, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the Dearth Union Branch Library

**14. Additional Public Comments**

None.

**15. Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted,



Marilyn Johnson  
BDL Board Secretary

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