

Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Coldwater Branch Library
10 E. Chicago St., Coldwater MI 49036
Monday, April 25, 2017
5:30 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

BDL Vice President Ben Jewell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call / Attendance

Board Members Present: Daniel Gordon, Benjamin Jewell, Marilyn Johnson, Susan Smith, Martha Watson.

Board Members Absent: Erica Ewers

Others Present: Kimberly Feltner, Antonia Dauster, Jessica Tefft, Gina Horn, Linda Lyshol, Lisa Wood, John Rucker.

4. Time for Public Comments

Linda Lyshol: Would like to congratulate our Teen Services Librarian, Jessica Tefft. Jessica was awarded the Branch County Community Foundation Grant for \$7,000 to remodel the basement to be a teen space. We are very excited.

Marilyn Johnson: Commented that she thought board members were not respectful of the citizens who attended and spoke at the last board meeting. She thinks the board should listen to citizens rather than engage them in conversation during the public comment period of board meetings. Ben Jewell suggested that we need a policy regarding how to handle these sections of the meetings & requested that this matter be on the agenda for the next meeting. Johnson also reported that she is resigning as board secretary, but remaining as Trustee, so that she may serve her community and the Union Township employees. Johnson went on to say that she did an internet search for companies in Michigan that do strategic planning and found 3 and a half pages.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Gordon, supported by Smith, to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried.

6. Election of Officers: Jewell calls for nominations for President.

Watson nominates Benjamin Jewell for President, supported by Smith. Motion carried.

Jewell calls for nomination for Vice President.

Watson nominates Susan Smith for Vice President, supported by Daniel Gordon. Motion carried.

Jewell calls for nominations for Secretary

Smith nominates Martha Watson for Secretary, supported by Gordon. Motion carried.

7. Financial Manager Position: Discussion. The Board affirmed that the Director has the authority to fill vacant positions, and that the Board's only direct hiring authority is over the director job.

8. Announcements

The next scheduled meeting of the Branch District Library Board of Trustees will be held Monday, May 15, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the Dearth Union Twp. Branch Library.

9. Additional Public Comments

None.

10. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha J. Watson
BDL Board Secretary

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