



# Board of Trustees Meeting

May 4, 2023

## Members:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Heidi Carvin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Cummings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teri Ellefson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cathy Goray	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Jane Grenzow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Harrigan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ellen Hossman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Tabaka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bobbie Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Staff:

Suzann Holland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Schmiedicke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Schmitz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Pond	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Call to Order:

President Cummings called the regular meeting of the Monroe Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:33pm with a quorum present.

## Approval of Agenda:

Trustee Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

## Public Comment:

None.

## Board Correspondence:

No correspondence addressed directly to the board was received, but Suzann mentioned that a handwritten manifesto opposing gun-free zones was dropped off.

## Approval of Minutes:

Trustee Hossman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting(s) as presented. The motion carried.

## Director's Report:

The Director's Report, including the department updates, was reviewed and discussion was held. Also shared was a meeting with the superintendent about barring a person from the property permanently and assistance provided to NBC15 by Kundert Special Collections.

### **Friends Group Report:**

No meeting was held.

### **Financial Review:**

The financial reports were reviewed with the following balances at the end of March.

- The LGIP account balance was reported at \$311,247.53.
- The MPL Gift & Special Fund account balance was reported at \$47,860.47.
- The SCLS Foundation report balance was reported at \$298,592.92.
- The list of invoices was distributed.

Trustee Carvin made a motion to approve the invoices as presented. The motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business: Update on Building Project and Campaign**

Everyone had hoped that the list of alternates and prices would have been received, for this was the reason for the one-week delay in the meeting. Unfortunately, that information was not available yet. Trustee Carvin and Suzann joined Jodi Sweeney for a meeting with a major donor, and they shared the outcome of that meeting.

### **New Business: Review on Policy on Financial Strategy**

No changes were recommended. Trustee Thomas made a motion to affirm as presented. The motion carried.

### **New Business: Review on Policy on Gifts & Donations**

No changes were recommended. Trustee Hossman made a motion to affirm as presented. The motion carried.

### **New Business: Consideration of Outdoor Electronic Signage**

Trustee Thomas discussed her idea of having some type of electronic signage to promote library happenings. She suggested it be in the corner nearest the courthouse. Other locations and types of signage were discussed. Trustee Thomas offered to reach out to the Historic Preservation Commission, as several trustees felt such a sign might not be allowed.

### **New Business: Discussion of Community Mood**

Suzann shared something overheard at a recent meeting of the county's Human Services Board, as well as a letter from *The Monroe Times* that accused the library of promoting pornography to children. It is a difficult climate for both public and school libraries right now, with Wisconsin being a hotspot for such accusations and requests to remove books. Suzann encouraged the trustees to decide upon a common way of responding if they are approached individually, which they did. The library team has also been briefed.

### **Business from Trustees and Future Agenda Items:**

Next meeting is at 6:30pm on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room.

### **Adjournment:**

Trustee Hossman made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm. Motion carried.