

MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

A meeting of the Muskegon Area District Library Board was held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the Muskegon Area District Library Egelston Branch, 5428 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon. Staff present: B. Hall, A. Paparella, S. Rinsema-Sybenga, A. Susalla, M. Chandler-Nash, L. Abramson, M. Higginbottom-Johnson, and R. Suszek. Also present, M. Anderson, Legal Counsel. Members of the public in attendance: Sue Baglien.

D. Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Scolnik, Vanaelst, Aerts, Hughes, Hodges, Simmons

Excused: Richards

Absent: Root

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hodges, Second by Vanaelst

That the Agenda is approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

Motion by Hodges, Second by Vanaelst

That the MADL Board approves the Consent Agenda Items 5.a. through 5 c.

Motion Carried

Vouchers for March 2024

Motion by Aerts, Second by Simmons

That the MADL Board approves the Vouchers for April 2024.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Scolnik, Vanaelst, Aerts, Hughes, Hodges, Simmons

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Committee Reports

There were no committee meetings this month.

Reports/Questions

R. Suszek spoke of an upcoming meeting with Kindred Marketing regarding logo options. Suszek also stated that the Local Public Library Partnership (LP2) recently launched its icon and logo, which is a book. The request of Kindred was not to use a similar style for MADL. If the management team feels confident about the options, Kindred will present them at the June Board meeting.

The millage committee will have a kickoff meeting on May 23rd. The millage vote is tentatively planned for August 2025.

S. Rinsema-Sybenga handed out the latest newsletter. Along with our Big 6 programs that travel for our Summer Reading programs, we have added two new outdoor programs. One will be at Roosevelt Park and another at Laketon Township. There are new partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club and 4H for those outdoor programs.

Old Business

Strategic Plan

R. Suszek reported our Juneteenth staff training day is at Hoffmaster. The training will focus on MADL's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion effects and employee development.

Study, Rebranding, and New Logo

Reported on by R. Suszek in his report.

ILS Project Discussion

R. Suszek presented information from the MADL, Hackley, and White Lake co-board special meeting about the collaborative Integrated Library System (ILS) project. He reviewed a report that demonstrated the costs over the next five years if MADL remains in Lakeland Library Cooperative's ILS and the costs of a New Shared ILS. D. Hughes commented that the support for this collaboration by the District Libraries is very encouraging. In addition, there are estimated cost savings along with more efficient decision-making. There was widespread agreement that MADL has the skilled personnel to support this initiative. There will be a board action item for the June meeting.

Holton Township Representative

The issue of Andrea Root's nonattendance was reported to Holton Township.

New Business

Circulation Policies

A. Susalla spoke of four proposed changes to the current Circulation Policy affecting sections 603 & 605. The first proposal, section 603.48, would give MADL authority to incorporate the Library of Things as circulating materials. The second proposal is to update 603.7, which pertains to the deselection of material. The third proposal is to update 603.8 to allow the replacement of lost/damaged books with new items that are identical to the lost or damaged. The final revision, section 605, directs actions related to donations other than circulating items.

North Muskegon Branch Proposal

D. Hughes and R. Suszek met with the contractor to discuss the revised cost of renovations to the library building. The updated revision came in under \$800,000. Suggestions were made for starting a fundraising campaign to cover the costs.

Public Comment

D. Hughes introduced Sue Baglien, who is helping to market her Daughter-In-Law, Brianda Younggren, children's books. Brianda is a local author who wrote a couple of children's books currently available on Amazon. She hoped MADL would consider adding them to its collection.

Board Comment

B. Scolnik asked about the circulation report of the Bookmobile. The Bookmobile's increased circulation is due to adding locations to the routes. L. Simmons asked if a stop at Bethlehem Park could be added to the Bookmobile route. E-Library has become popular due to the ease of downloading books on devices. Part of the anticipated ask for a millage increase will be to provide additional access to e-resources.

R. Vanaelst asked about the Bike Library. R. Suszek stated that it will be starting on June 1, 2024. The expansion into Egelston Township will not move forward. The plan is next year, a second location will be housed at the Ravenna branch library.

Adjournment:

Motion by Hodges, second by Aerts

That the MADL Board meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Motion Carried

Reviewed and approved by Linda Aerts, Secretary