



**Meeting of the MCLS Board of Trustees
Central Library, Kusler-Cox Auditorium
April 17, 2023
Minutes**

Trustees Present: Gary Brandt, Christopher Corcoran, Peter Knapp, Emily Hessney Lynch, Amy Moffitt, Mack Smith, Marjorie Shelly, Suzanne Stockman (quorum present)

Trustees Excused: Erick Stephens

Trustees Unexcused: Kimberly Brown

Staff and Guests: County Law Liaison, Don Crumb; County Office Liaison, BJ Scanlon; staff members Brie Harrison, Debi Mansour, Nanci Nugent, Jennifer Smathers, Patty Uttaro

Call to Order

Ms. Stockman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m., welcomed trustees, staff, and guests, and confirmed a quorum was present.

Public Comments

There were no members of the public in attendance who wished to address the board.

Ms. Uttaro stated that Jessica Winum was in the audience as an observer. She is in school and was assigned to attend a library board meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Ms. Shelly MADE A MOTION to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023, meeting as presented. Ms. Stockman proposed a change. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with the proposed change.

Claims

Ms. Harrison reviewed the financial claims with the trustees and offered to answer questions. Dr. Knapp MADE A MOTION to approve the claims as presented. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Professional Services Agreement, TriDelta Resources

Ms. Harrison reviewed the item with the trustees and offered to answer questions. Mr. Corcoran MADE A MOTION to approve a professional services agreement with TriDelta Resources, Inc., for the terms and conditions described. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

President's Report

Ms. Stockman thanked Ms. Uttaro for sharing a recent article on libraries. She then reminded everyone that the next meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. She stated this will be a trial through the end of the year and will be evaluated then.

Friends and Foundation of the Rochester Public Library

Ms. Borgus reported that FFRPL distributed a total of \$285,333 to eligible libraries this week for grants qualifying for circulating materials support. The total distribution to MCLS libraries is \$207,652. Next, she reported that the grant application for the Harold Hacker Grant for the Advancement of Libraries is now available on the FFRPL

and the RPL websites. The application deadline is May 19. The grant opportunity is open to all libraries with membership in RRLC, as well as all libraries in the OWWL and MCLS systems. Ms. Borgus shared that examples of previously funded projects addressing the needs of diverse populations have been shared with the application materials to help inspire applicants and show how ideas can fit into an Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action (IDEA) lens.

Rochester Public Library (RPL) Liaison

On behalf of Mr. Stevens, Ms. Uttaro reported that the RPL Board approved 13 action items at its last meeting. Those items included approval of an auditor agreement, library fund balance appropriation to support the Bausch and Lomb Library building HVAC project, grant acceptance, a license agreement with Greenlight, closure of the Rundel Memorial Building first floor for an event, a minor code of conduct change, and acceptance of a grant from the Tummonds Fund for materials purchasing.

Rochester Regional Library Council (RRLC) Liaison

None.

Board Committee Reports

Ms. Stockman reported that Ms. Moffitt, Mr. Brandt, and she met with Mr. Hamilton, the President of the RPL Board, and Barbara Egenhofer from the Rochester Chamber of Commerce to discuss services the Chamber can offer in the search for a new Director. The Chamber has both free and paid services available. Ms. Stockman will continue to update the group as progress is made.

Arts and Literature Division Report

Ms. Nugent introduced herself as the supervisor of the Arts and Literature Division at the Central Library. She provided a short overview of her division, passed around a couple of program brochures, and offered to answer questions. Trustees asked about the lending of non-book items such as large art and sewing machines. In response to a question about promoting these unusual items, Ms. Nugent explained they are advertised on the RPL website, in social media posts, and during programming. She encouraged everyone to visit the expansive Copper Doll Collection now housed in the division and to take advantage of the many arts, crafts, and writing programs.

Director's Report

Ms. Uttaro offered to answer questions about the written report. She reported that after many months of delays, a patron she filed harassment charges against is now subject to an order of protection prohibiting him from having any contact with any MCLS member library for the next 5 years.

Next. She reported that the unveiling of the Goethe bust will be on May 5 at 1:30 in Hacker Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Roger Ehrich, the son of the original sculptor, is working with Ms. Smathers and has developed a dynamic presentation complete with speeches and music. She also reminded everyone to attend the dedication and ribbon cutting of the John Lovenheim Center for Technology and Innovation. The ceremony will be at Noon on Friday, April 28.

MCLS Office

Ms. Smathers offered to answer questions about the written report. She reminded everyone that there are three events left in the MCLS Spring Author Series. Susan Orlean in Conversation with Adam Chodak at the Pittsford Sutherland High School Auditorium on Monday, April 24 at 7:00 pm; Jason Reynolds at East High School on May 2 at 10:00 am; and on May 18 at 7:00 pm, Marie Benedict will be at the Penfield Library.

Central Library

Ms. Smathers offered to answer questions about the written report. She shared that staffing for evenings and weekends is improved since the implementation of some new procedures. And there will be some additional substitute librarians hired to increase the pool for backfilling when regular staff are unable to work.

Other Business

Ms. Stockman commented that she is happy with the way statistics are now presented and finds them easy to read.

Adjournment

Rev. Smith MADE A MOTION to adjourn the meeting. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Patricia Uttaro, Secretary