

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
ST. CLAIR SHORES PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

Library Reading Lounge

Thursday, May 20, 2021

PRESENT:

President:	Ms. Madeline Bialecki
Vice-President:	Mrs. Judy Eggly
Trustee:	Ms. Eileen Sullivan
Trustee:	Mrs. Joan Perry
City Librarian:	Mrs. Rosemary Orlando
Councilman/Library Board Liaison:	Mr. Ron Frederick

EXCUSED:

Secretary:	Mrs. Monie Smith
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I. ROLL CALL

Bialecki called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. In Smith's absence Bialecki named Sullivan acting secretary.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Eggly, supported by Perry, to adopt the agenda.

Ayes: Bialecki, Eggly, Perry, Sullivan
Nays: None
Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Sullivan, supported by Eggly, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees held on April 15, 2021.

Ayes: Bialecki, Eggly, Perry, Sullivan
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

IV. REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

A. Correspondence

1. Loss of Unlimited Audiobooks

Orlando reported that included in the Board packet was a letter from library patron Kathleen Zenisek regarding her displeasure with the loss of unlimited audiobooks that she is no longer able to access through RBDigital. Orlando stated that Ms. Zenisek is a wonderful library supporter and she spoke with her over the phone regarding her concern. Orlando explained that unfortunately the situation was out of her control and audiobooks are now being offered through Overdrive and not RBDigital. The Library community has voiced their concern and disapproval to the vendors, but unlimited audiobooks are not yet being offered in the Overdrive subscription plan.

2. Patron Compliment

Orlando stated that she received a note from senior citizen, Mrs. Stella Gerharstein, stating that she thought the Library and staff were wonderful and she appreciated all we were able to do during COVID. She was happy to be able to go into the Library and said she went to a City Council meeting to praise the staff and all the work they do, especially during this difficult time.

3. Pillars at the Library Entrance

Orlando shared a patron's concern about the pillars in front of the Library which need to be repaired. The part of the pillar that needs to be repaired is not structural but decorative. A service request has been submitted for the repair.

B. Library Information

1. Library Grants

The Library received their \$5,500.00 reimbursement check for the CARES Act Grant for PPE and Mobile Hotspots. The final grant report is due in August.

The Library was informed by the Library of Michigan that they are being awarded LSTA Public Library Services Grant for \$2,062.00. This grant will purchase Explorer Backpacks for children to checkout to help them explore the out-of-doors.

Bialecki asked if the Library has received any donations from the Lac Ste. Claire Kiwanis. Orlando stated that the Shorewood Kiwanis donate annually, but not the Lac Ste. Claire Kiwanis. Bialecki said that she would be attending their next meeting and will ask for a donation to the Library.

2. Youth Services Department

The Youth Services Department is completing their plans for the 2021 Summer Reading Club. This year's theme is entitled *Tails and Tales*. Activities for younger children will take place at Blossom Heath Park on Wednesday afternoons. Activities for older children will take place on the Museum grounds on Thursday afternoons. Two teen programs are also planned.

The Youth Services Department is participating in the statewide program, MiLibraryQuest. This is a statewide virtual quest for teens created by a team of librarians with the help of the Library of Michigan. Teens can participate through the Library's website.

Perry commented that she continues to be impressed with Youth Service Librarian, Liz Drewek and the work being done in the Youth Services Department.

3. Adult Services Department

Plans are almost complete for this year's Adult Summer Reading Club. This year's program will be modified from past years due to COVID. Zoom programs are also being planned.

4. 3rd Annual Literary Walk By the Lake

This event will take place on Saturday, June 26, from noon until 3:00PM, at Blossom Heath Park. The Library, the St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee and TIFA are helping to sponsor this event. St. Clair Shores Poet Laureate M.L. Liebler, the Detroit Writers' Guild along with international, national, local and St. Clair Shores writers, authors, and musicians will highlight this free literary event.

5. St. Clair Shores Senior Center

Orlando received a call from the Senior Center requesting to use images from our digital archives. Orlando explained how to request the use of the photographs from the St. Clair Shores Historical Commission. The Center wants to include photos of the St. Clair Shores Police and Fire Departments next to their muraled wall.

6. Grounds of the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum

The Yardeners, who take care of the grounds of the Museum, submitted a list of items that need to be taken care of. Orlando spoke with Parks and Recreation Director Henry Bowman and the City's Maintenance Department to get these items resolved.

7. Historical Society of St. Clair Shores

Orlando stated that the Historical Society, a 501c3 organization, has lost many members and is looking to increase their membership. She asked the Board if they

know of anyone who might be interested in helping with the group. They will have an article in an upcoming newsletter.

8. St. Clair Shores Historical Commission Member Theresa Bertolini

Orlando was sad to report that Historical Commission member Theresa Bertolini passed away on May 17, 2021. Theresa was active in fundraising efforts at the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum. Her family requested that lieu of flowers, donations be made to the St. Clair Shores Historical Commission.

9. Virtual Library Card Program

Orlando was pleased to inform the Board that she spoke with Lakeview Public Schools, and they are interested in participating in the Virtual Library Card Program. They asked great questions and will get things ready in hopes of participating when school begins in the fall. Orlando stated that she has reached out to all the school districts with Lake Shore School District being the first participate. Orlando will reach out to South Lake Schools once again.

10. Summer Hours and Guideline Changes at the Library

Summer hours begin May 24 and run through September 4, 2021. The Library will be closed on Saturdays during this time.

Orlando also stated that they were waiting to hear what changes MIOSHA will make to the COVID guidelines and how it will affect the Library.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved by Eggly, supported by Perry, to receive and file the following Financial Reports:

- A. General Fund Year-to-Date Budget Report--Balance as of April 30, 2021
- B. Museum Year-to-Date Budget Report—Balance as of April 30, 201
- C. Cooperative Centralized Purchasing Account – Balance as of \$28,660.32 as of April 30, 2021
- D. Cooperative Rental Video Account – Balance as \$4,474.62 of April 30, 2021
- E. Raymond James Monthly Statement – Balance of \$361,117.85 as of April 30, 2021

Ayes: Bialecki, Eggly, Perry, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion carried.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Orlando thanked Councilman Frederick for his enthusiasm when delivering Library announcements at the City Council meetings.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. American Library Association Annual Membership Renewal

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Eggly, supported by Sullivan, to approve the American Library Association Annual Membership Renewal.

Ayes: Bialecki, Eggly, Perry, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion carried.

VIII. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Perry asked if there was any thought to the re-opening of the Friends Book Shop. Orlando stated that she was meeting with the Friends next week and this will be discussed. The Friends are likely going to host a book sale on a Saturday when the Library is closed. No details are available at this time.

Councilman Frederick stated that this is a very busy weekend in the City. Pete Rubino's memorial service will be this Saturday at St. Joan of Arc. On Saturday, Lake Shore, Lakeview and South Lake are playing in a baseball tournament at old Tiger Stadium. Sunday is the Farmer's Market and the ribbon cutting ceremony at Blossom Heath Beach House.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Eggly, supported by Perry, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Ayes: Bialecki, Eggly, Perry, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The next meeting of the of the Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Sullivan, Acting Secretary