

Minutes
For the West Bloomfield Township Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting on
November 8, 2023
Held in the Library's Meeting Room

Present: Michael Dorfman
Carol Kravetz
Ken Macon
Rhonda Orr

Cathleen Russ, Library Director
Jeff Crocker, Assistant Library Director
Kati Vogel, Finance Manager/Benefits Coordinator

Steven Bowers, Executive Director, The Library Network Cooperative
Ryan Estrada, former West Bloomfield resident
Alyson Lobert, Director, Commerce Twp Community Library

Excused: Kari Eickemeyer, Raman Singh

Call to Order

President Kravetz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. An attendance roll call vote was taken by Acting Secretary Orr. A quorum of four Board members were present.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2023 MEETING
WITH 2 CHANGES (#12A WAS POSTPONED UNTIL DECEMBER; #12E,
REVISIONS TO LIBRARY PAY SCALE WAS ADDED)

Moved: Macon
Second: Orr
Ayes: Dorfman, Kravetz, Macon, Orr
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence—none

Presentation—“Going Fine-Free” by Steven Bowers, Executive Director, The Library Network Cooperative—Bowers presented a short presentation about the benefits of eliminating overdue fines for the community and library.

Public Comment—Ryan Estrada, a former West Bloomfield resident and published author, thanked WBTP Board and staff for having his books on the shelves. He credits WBTP for his enthusiasm for writing and reading.

Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 11, 2023 BOARD MEETING.**

Moved: Dorfman
Second: Orr
Ayes: Dorfman, Kravetz, Macon, Orr
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Report—was received and filed.

Director’s Report—was received and filed.

Accounts Payable

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ALL BILLS AND ACCOUNTS DUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$262,987.46 AND RATIFY EXPENSES INCURRED SINCE OCTOBER 11, 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$217,161.73.**

Moved: Macon
Second: Dorfman
Ayes: Dorfman, Kravetz, Macon, Orr
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business—none

New Business

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPOINT MICHAEL DORFMAN AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
WEST BLOOMFIELD TWP LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Moved: Orr
Second: Macon
Ayes: Dorfman, Kravetz, Macon, Orr
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION:
MOVE TO AWARD BIDS FOR CARPET AND FURNITURE CLEANING TO
DALTON COMMERCIAL CLEANING**

Moved: Dorfman
Second: Macon
Ayes: Dorfman, Kravetz, Macon, Orr
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ABOUT GOING FINE FREE: The board members discussed aspects of eliminating overdue fines. A decision on the matter was tabled until February 2024.

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE LIBRARY PAY SCALE**

Moved: Dorfman
Second: Orr
Ayes: Dorfman, Kravetz, Macon, Orr
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Board Comments—Macon is having knee surgery and will miss the January board meeting. Orr is pleased to be on the library board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Rhonda Orr, Acting Secretary