

Minutes
For the West Bloomfield Township Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting on
May 8, 2024
Held in the Main Library Conference Room

Present: Carol Kravetz
Kari Eickemeyer
Ken Macon
Raman Singh

Cathy Russ, Library Director
Jeff Crocker, Acting Library Director

Deb Macon, public

Excused: Michael Dorfman
Rhonda Orr

Call to Order

President Kravetz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. An attendance roll call vote was taken by Secretary Singh. A quorum of four Board members were present.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 8, 2024 MEETING.

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Singh
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence - None.

Public Comment – Deb Macon informed the Board and Library Staff present about the United Way's 21-Day Equity Challenge, which takes place every year. The 2024

Challenge begins on May 17. She will send C. Russ the website to forward to the board members and library staff members.

Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2024 BOARD MEETING.**

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Macon
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Reports - were received and filed.

Director's Report

Russ thanked the board for their support while she has been on medical leave. She also thanked Jeff Crocker for doing such a wonderful job in her absence, and thanked the library staff as well. She pointed out the \$64,000 bequest from the James Neubacher Trust; the increase in usage statistics at the Westacres branch; and the popularity of the eclipse glasses provided by the Friends.

Accounts Payable

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ALL BILLS AND ACCOUNTS DUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$367,480.45 AND RATIFY EXPENSES INCURRED SINCE APRIL 10 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$231,623.21.**

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Singh
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business—None.

New Business

REVIEW OF PROPOSED 2024-2025 MARKETING PLAN INITIATIVES.

MOTION:

MOVE TO APPROVE 2024-2025 MARKETING PLAN INITIATIVES.

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Macon
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Singh
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED 2024-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES

MOTION:

MOVE TO APPROVE 2024-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES.

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Singh
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Singh
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF L-4029 2024 TAX RATE REQUEST

MOTION:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE 2024 TAX RATE REQUEST FORM L-4029.

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Macon
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Singh
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**REVIEW OF CULTURAL COORDINATION POSITION
(DISCUSSION ITEM, NO ACTION NEEDED)**

**REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FOR LIBRARY MILLAGE
RENEWAL NOVEMBER 2024
(DISCUSSION ITEM, NO ACTION NEEDED).**

Board Comments - None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Raman Singh, Secretary