

Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – Ernest E. Sauter Board Room  
January 14, 2016

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Board Members Present: Bosler, Bush, Lazar, Liebold, McLaughlin  
Board Members Absent: Doughty, O’Malley  
Staff Members Present: Miller, Serresseque, Siegrist, Streit, Yunker  
Staff Members Absent: None  
Guest: Sue Feinberg from MERS (Municipal Employees’ Retirement System of Michigan)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7: 00 p.m. by Library Board Vice-President, J. McLaughlin.

J. McLaughlin welcomed Sue Feinberg who represents MERS of Michigan. She spoke to the Library Board to clarify their recent decision to pre-fund the Defined Benefit Pension Plan which closed to staff in 1999. Sue Feinberg also described a MERS Health Care Savings Program.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by G. Bosler to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2015 Board Meeting was supported by C. Liebold. Board approved. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL**

**MOTION** by G. Bosler to receive and file the November 2015 Monthly Revenue Report was supported by C. Liebold. Board approved. Motion passed.

**OPERATING BILLS**

**MOTION** by G. Bosler to approve \$374,100.93 of expenditures for check numbers 22357 through 22448, plus check 22356 for \$1,898,075.00 issued to MERS as authorized by Board Resolution at the December 2015 meeting was supported by B. Lazar. Board approved. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

E. Streit shared one piece of correspondence.

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

E. Streit reports that representatives from the FH Police Department, Vigilante Security and Guardian Alarm have walked through the Library to give their recommendations to make the Library more secure. The steps to secure the Library will be to lock down all staff areas, add and update cameras, followed by the installation of an alarm system.

The Library is hosting programs throughout the day on January 18, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Peace Walk will be followed with a performance by the Dunckel Choir. Keynote speaker is Harry Weaver of the Anti-Defamation League of Detroit, and Ber-Henda Williams will read her poetry. In the afternoon, there will be a story teller followed by the Harrison High School Dance Troupe. The last presentation is a Community Forum with a discussion on Civil Rights, Refugees and the Real Impact of Immigration on Michigan.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Oscar Shorts will be held on Sunday, February 21 beginning with hors d'oeuvres at the Farmington Branch then a walk to the red carpet for photos and Oscar Shorts at the Civic Theater. Children's Librarian, Maria Showich-Gallup developed the idea and asked the Friends of the Library for funding. The event has been sold out for the past two years.

Friends of the Library pledged seed money funds for *1,000 Books before Kindergarten*. The program will encourage kids to read 1,000 books before entering kindergarten. A local artist has created the character, Fireman Small, who will be used for promotional materials.

Adult Librarian, Judy Donlin, introduced a music series called Songwriter Sunday. Local artists have been contracted to come once a month. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Library Graphic Designer, Michael Hnatiuk and Publicity Coordinator, Sherri Vaughn, compiled information about the artwork in the Library and created a booklet. The booklet will be used at the Information Desks to share with patrons.

Michigan Senate Bill 571, which was recently passed, would not allow government employees to discuss local ballot proposals 60 days before it appears on the ballot, and public funds cannot be used to distribute information. Governor Rick Snyder has promised a "clean-up bill" regarding residents' access to campaign information.

Bonnie Greschaw, a long-time paraprofessional at the Library will be retiring in February. She has worked at the Library for almost 25 years.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Finance

The Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11 prior to the Board meeting.

### Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee has no report.

### Benefits Committee

The Benefits Committee met and discussed a health care saving plan. They would like further discussion and information on cost from an actuary.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. Miller reports that there seems to be improvement in the behavior of the students in the Library. Although not perfect, it appears to be better than it has been in the past.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by Library Board Vice-President, J. McLaughlin.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ernest E. Sauter Board Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Bosler, Secretary  
Library Board of Trustees

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