

**Rochester Hills Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**

January 9, 2023

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held a regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023. The President called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm in the boardroom of the library. The presiding officer was Madge Lawson.

A quorum of the board was present including Bob Bonam, Melinda Deel, Anne Kucher, Julianne Reyes, and Chuck Stouffer.

Guests included Library Director Juliane Morian, City of Rochester Liaison Alice Moo, and Oakland Township Library Board President, Michael Tyler.

No members of the public were present.

- II. Public comments - none

- III. Minutes

- A. On a motion by Ms. Kucher, which Ms. Deel, seconded, the board unanimously approved the minutes from December 12, 2022 with no changes.

- IV. Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed.

- V. Monthly Bills

- A. On a motion by Mr. Stouffer, which Mr. Bonam seconded, the board unanimously approved the monthly bills for December 2022, which totaled \$457,446.62.

- VI. Communications

- A. The board reviewed and filed the communications.

- VII. Director's Report and Statistical Report

- A. The board reviewed and filed the director's report and statistical report.
- B. The board reviewed and filed the 2022 Year-End Strategic Plan Update with minor discussion. Mr. Stouffer asked that the Rochester Hills Museum be listed as a partnership under "Foster Community Collaboration."

- VIII. Committee Reports – Ms. Lawson requested that Mr. Tyler serve on the Finance Committee again, and Ms. Moo serve on the Policy Committee again and asked fellow board members to contact her with their preference for committee appointment before the next board meeting.

- IX. Other Business

- A. Ms. Morian shared a draft of a legal agreement that would allow RHPL to lease parking spaces to the Royal Park hotel for valet parking purposes. The Board reviewed and advised Ms. Morian to clarify the term and what kind of signage that could appear on library property.
 - B. Ms. Morian provided an update on the renewal process for the Oakland Talking Book Service. She indicated that she received confirmation that Oakland County would proceed with an interlocal agreement for a five-year term, and optional extensions for another three years. RHPL lowered the annual fee for operating the service by approximately 5%.
 - C. On a motion by Mr. Stouffer, which Mr. Bonam seconded, the board unanimously approved serving alcohol at the Friends of RHPL Wine, Wit, and Wisdom fundraiser on April 29, 2023.
- X. Board Comments
- A. Ms. Lawson posed some questions to Ms. Morian about the financial priorities for the library and questioned if the library needed to invest in a large community bookmobile again or wanted to prioritize other capital projects such as an interior renovation. Ms. Morian stated that waiting a few months to determine how the community response to the mini-bookmobile and what the auditors determine fund balance is, would be most prudent. Ms. Morian said she would set up tours of regional libraries to evaluate things like modern interior design of libraries and library lockers. Interest and evaluation of these things would influence priorities in the budget for 2024.
 - B. Ms. Deel asked about the afterhours event planned as part of Rochester's Fire and Ice weekend and if the teen Nerf at Night program would continue. Ms. Morian said that yes, both will take place concurrently inside the library.
 - C. Mr. Stouffer noted that he felt it was interesting that intellectual freedom topics were discussed at the recent training meeting attended by the library director, since his perception was that First Amendment rights were suppressed at a prior meeting, which he clarified to mean the Employee Use of Social Media Policy.
 - D. Mr. Bonam and Mr. Tyler each commented that Mr. Stouffer's opinions were his own personal opinions, but were not necessarily perceptions of the full board.
- XI. Questions from the Liaisons - None
- XII. The regular meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Anne Kucher, Secretary