

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

**May 8, 2023**

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held a regular meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023. The President called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm in the boardroom of the library. The presiding officer was Madge Lawson.

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

Bob Bonam was absent with a prior commitment that was previously communicated.

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

One member of the public was present at the start of the meeting; a second member of the public entered the meeting at 7:00pm.

- II. Public Comments – None

- III. Minutes

- A. On a motion by Mr. Stouffer, which Ms. Deel seconded, the board unanimously approved the regular meeting minutes from April 10, 2023 as presented.

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

- V. Monthly Bills

- A. On a motion by Ms. Kucher, which Ms. Reyes seconded, the board unanimously approved the monthly bills for April 2022, which totaled \$412,195.68.

- VI. Communications

- A. The board reviewed and filed the communications with no major discussion.

- VII. Director’s Report and Statistical Report

- A. The board reviewed and filed the director’s and statistical report with minor discussion.
  1. Ms. Morian provided an update on an upgrade to all proximity door locks in the building. Certain funds are already allocated in the FY 2023 budget for upgrading study room locks, but Ms. Morian commented that it is advantageous to expand this project and unify all proximity keys to the same software/locking system. This may result in a budget amendment at the end of year to move funds from one line item to another to reconcile the difference.
  2. Ms. Morian stated that she was approached by WDIV, Local 4 to conduct a pilot program with them whereby they gather feedback from library members about what they like about the greater Rochester area. Feedback can then be used to create human interest stories and other positive media messaging about the

community. Based on the success of the pilot program, the project could be scaled up to include partnerships with more public libraries in the region.

3. Ms. Morian noted that her work with ALA has concluded and that she would not be attending the ALA Annual Conference in 2023. She recommended saving professional development funds so that more staff and board members could attend the Public Library Association conference next spring in Columbus, OH.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Ms. Lawson inquired about the Centennial Celebration Committee and Ms. Morian said that plans were underway for various events next year.

IX. Other Business – None

X. Board Comments

- A. Ms. Reyes commented that she was happy to attend the Rochester Area Prayer Breakfast with Ms. Morian and she recommended that other board members attend in the future. She also said she was pleased to see that Ms. Morian presented to the Rochester Area Republican Club in April (noting that she had done a similar presentation from the Rochester Democrats in March) and said that Ms. Morian's presentation was well-received. Ms. Reyes also said she appreciated the tour of local libraries on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and had captured numerous pictures that she would like to share with fellow board members. The group decided to put this on the agenda for the board to review in June.
- B. Ms. Deel commented that she had a lovely time at Authors in April banquet in April. She also wanted to pass along her compliments to the Friends of RHPL for hosting a fabulous fundraiser yet again, and that Wine, Wit, and Wisdom is one of her favorites. Additionally, she wanted to say that the Volunteer Luncheon was great and she is so pleased that RHPL recognizes volunteers in this manner.

XI. Questions from the Liaisons

A. Mr. Tyler commented that he appreciated the tours of Shelby Township Library and the Clinton-Macomb North Branch Library. He also offered that Grand Valley State University was a noteworthy library as a source of inspiration, especially because of their collaborative spaces and furniture choices. He also recommended that if there are upgrades to the study rooms at RHPL that screens be added (for casting).

XII. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.