

## MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

A meeting of the Muskegon Area District Library Board was held on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the Dalton Branch, 3715 Fifth Street Twin Lake. Staff Present were B. Hall, M. Chandler, R. Church, A. Paparella, S. Rinsema-Sybenga, and R. Suszek. Also present: M. Anderson, Legal Counsel. Members of the public in attendance included:

Barbara Lukacs Grob, Karen Fowler, Nancy Hess, Sandra Oliver, Tracy DeMarse, Jeff Martin, JoAnn Flejstar, and Richard Ranum.

D. Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Scolnik, Hughes, Aerts, Richards, Vanaelst, Simmons, Hodges

Absent: Root

### Board Development

None

Rachel Church welcomed the Board to the Dalton Branch. She introduced the Dalton Township Supervisor and Clerk as well as other audience members. She indicated that the Branch has been in existence for 65 years and gave a brief history. She prepared flyers with Dalton Branch statistics and information. She said the Library continues to play a vital role in the community.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Scolnik, Second by Vanaelst

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

### Consent Agenda

Motion by Hodges, Second by Aerts

That the MADL Board approves the Consent Agenda Items 5.a. through 5.c.

Motion Carried

## Vouchers for February 2024

### Motion by Hodges, Second by Simmons

That the MADL Board approves the Vouchers for February 2024.

### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Richards, Simmons, Hodges, Hughes, Scolnik, Aerts, Vanaelst

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### Committee Reports

There were no committee meetings this month.

### Reports/Questions

R. Suszek reported there will be a Marketing/Re-Branding/Millage Campaign Committee meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024. A proposed temporary logo design was given to the Board as information before the committee meeting.

The Director also said MADL has been working with United Way on the Ride United event, which will be held on May 18, 2024. He encouraged everyone to participate.

D. Hughes introduced the new Finance/Administrative Assistant, Aura Paparella, and welcomed her to MADL.

M. Chandler gave an update on HR and indicated that the Director evaluation process will begin next month.

S. Rinsema-Sybenga gave a great big thank you to Lashae Simmons for all her efforts in promoting the Charmeka Newton program, which was extraordinarily successful at the Muskegon Heights Branch Library. S. Rinsema-Sybenga also spoke about her recent trip to Honduras to help set up a library in a school. This trip was a Rotary Club sponsorship with the support of MADL and was a meaningful endeavor and a way for MADL to participate “across the globe.” She also mentioned the upcoming program with author Angeline Boulley on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Boulley is the author of *The Firekeeper’s Daughter*, which is part of the Great Michigan Read for 2024.

### Old Business:

R. Suszek said the ILS meeting with Hackley and White Lake will be held on May 15, 2024.

### New Business:

R. Suszek said the issue with the door at the North Muskegon Library has been addressed. The door has been repaired, and the Department of Education has cleared the matter.

R. Suszek also indicated he is still waiting on a building assessment from the City of North Muskegon as well as cost estimates for repairs.

### Public Comment

Karen Fowler, a lifelong resident and volunteer for the library, spoke on the importance of this Dalton Branch Library to the Twin Lake residents and school students. She cited students' accomplishments from this elementary, some of whom have gone on to Reeths-Puffer High School and ended up in the top ten of their class. She also thanked the Library staff for all their help with the historical society. She also added that she takes the MADL newsletter, gets on her bike, and distributes it to all interested Twin Lake residents. She reiterated the importance and relevance of the Twin Lake library and thanked MADL for providing it.

Karen asked why MADL is considering a new logo. R. Suszek and Board Member Kevin Richards responded that we are looking to update the logo to something more modern. The current logo incorporates an old Muskegon advertising campaign. MADL is often confused with Love, Inc. MADL would like to reduce the confusion with the logo and find something with more clarity.

R. Suszek added that the Superintendent of Reeths-Puffer has been instrumental in the renovation that took place here a year ago. They also helped us get the Laketon Branch up and running, and MADL is thankful for that partnership.

### Board Comment

K. Richards provided some positive feedback regarding the Outreach Van at Orchard View. Orchard View staff always has a positive review of MADL staff.

K. Richards said the Dalton Library is the heart of this community. He taught in this building for 20+ years and said this library has always been treasured. He gave a big shoutout to Rachel, Karen, and the team for doing such a wonderful job.

D. Hughes thanked everyone for their input, experiences, and thoughts on the Dalton Branch Library.

Adjournment:

Motion by VanAelst, second by Hodges

That the MADL Board meeting be adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Motion Carried

Reviewed and approved by Linda Aerts, Secretary