

# Van Buren District Library Board

**Board Meeting  
April 25, 2017  
Webster Memorial Library**

## Minutes

Chairperson Sandra Hanson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Webster Memorial Library.

**Present:** Phillip Marshall, Marianne Abbott, Libby Godwin, Bruce Cutting, and Sandra Hanson. Ryan Wieber, director; Debby Stassek, assistant director; Molly Wunderlich, business manager; Mollie Barkovich, Webster librarian; and Anne Cox, Lawrence librarian.

**Absent:** Betty Markel (excused); Wayne Rendell (excused); and Catherine Hulin (excused).

It was moved to approve the agenda, as mailed. (Motion: Abbott; Second: Godwin; Motion: Carried).

It was moved to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2017 Board meeting, as mailed. (Motion: Cutting; Second: Marshall; Motion: Carried).

It was moved to approve for payment the April "due to" vouchers number 17-04-01 through 17-04-04 in the amount of \$4,750.94; and April General Fund vouchers number 17-04-03 through 17-04-98 in the amount of \$181,179.83. (Motion: Cutting; Second: Abbott; Motion: Carried).

### **Public Comment:**

None

### **Reports:**

Anne Cox, new Lawrence librarian, was introduced to the Board. She spoke briefly about her background, first days on the job, and several programming ideas.

Mollie Barkovich, Webster librarian, shared some of the "Build a Better Community" Summer Reading Program activities scheduled for this summer. There will be an outdoor "meet and greet" with local police, fire, and other agencies on May 21. The basic summer schedule in Decatur is Maker Mondays, Program Wednesdays, and Fitness Fridays. Also, free lunches will be offered to those under 18 on Wednesdays (hot lunch) and Fridays (sack lunch). The lunches are paid for and offered by the public school. Ms. Barkovich shared some recent security incidents involving youths and how library staff members are finding ways to encourage more positive behavior, and how the local police department now occasionally visits the library during after school hours.

Molly Wunderlich reviewed revenues and expenditures through the end of the first quarter. The Sturgis Bank & Trust CD renewed on March 31. In revenues, additional property tax is not expected until June. In expenditures, there were two payrolls and typical expenses in March. Penal fines were up from last month, but are still down 9.96 percent when compared to March 2016.

Mr. Wieber reported on the potential impact of losing LSTA funds under the federal administration's proposed budget. MeLCat could be crippled, many MeL Databases would likely be eliminated, and continuing education stipends from the Library of Michigan would likely be cut.

In other news: Wieber has confirmed with Jeff Mills that the ISD Board has signed off on the revised cost sharing agreement as a full participating member in the NCG litigation; 12 people attended the Open Mic Poetry Reading event in Bangor on April 19; and the Gobles Battle of the Books was well attended on April 22 and featured some very serious 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade competitors. Upcoming VBDL events include the Summer Reading Kickoff (with free comic books) on May 6; and the annual Decatur Student Art Show from May 8 to May 19.

Wieber also reported that a \$10,000 memorial gift has been received from Arthur Dwight in memory of his father, August E. Dwight (1920-2013). The money will be setup as an endowment for local history materials.

**Investment Committee:**

None.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 23, at 4:30 p.m., at the Bloomingdale Branch Library in Bloomingdale. This meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairman

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Secretary