

# CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

Members Present: Deb Bloomquist, Marge Bossenbery, Alma Staton, Quenda Story,  
Joan Trezise, Stu Wilson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nancy Bujold, Sue Hill, Julie Laxton, Trent Smiley, Kim Stewart, Pat Taylor

Others Present: Leon Clark, Marty Colburn, Russell Whipple (City of Mason), Elaine Ferris  
(Friends of the Mason Library), Gary Bender, Whitney Ezis (Murphy,  
Brenton & Spagnuolo, P.C.), Sally Trout

## Call to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

## Roll Call

The secretary called the roll:

Bloomquist—Present  
Bossenbery—Present  
Staton—Present  
Story—Present  
Trezise—Present  
Wilson—Present

## Communications

There were no communications.

## Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments on agenda items.

## Consent Agenda

### 1. Approval of Agenda

Joan Trezise moved to add Finance Committee items to the consent agenda. Marge Bossenbery moved to second the motion. Motion carried.

Stu Wilson moved to approve the amended consent agenda including the minutes of the June 21, 2006 regular meeting, the Financial Report for June, and the June 1 through June 30 disbursements totaling \$1,110,152.04. Alma Staton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2006

This item was approved by consent.

### 3. Receipt of June Financial Report

This item was approved by consent.

4. Disbursements for June

This item was approved by consent.

### **Chairperson's Comments**

There were no Chairperson's comments.

### Presentation

1. USA Patriot Act – Whitney Ezis

Gary Bender introduced Whitney Ezis, who presented her report on the USA Patriot Act. Since the Patriot Act was so promptly passed, Ms. Ezis referred primarily to notable changes. Ms. Ezis responded to inquiries and was thanked for preparing and sharing the report.

2. City of Mason Guest

City of Mason representatives Marty Colburn and Leon Clark were introduced. The only benefit the library Board could identify to Mason's resolution is that it would allow Mason to begin withdrawal process. Mr. Clark responded regarding the City of Mason's interest in becoming a participating municipality and said there are three reasons the City of Mason wants to become a participating municipality. It is believed that becoming a participating municipality would allow the City of Mason to have more influence on Board member appointments and accommodate their pursuit of an additional board member appointment for further representation. Mr. Clark stated that Mason's City Attorney advised of this potential. The Board was asked why they have concerns about the various CADL libraries having different statuses. It was reiterated that the opportunity to become a participating municipality was previously waived. The agreement in reference to the composition of the Board was reviewed. Mason's indication that they may not support the millage was questioned. CADL is losing some of the aid and income it had previously benefited from and the millage proposal is based partially upon these losses. If the millage fails, significant adjustments will have to be made, despite dramatic increases in usage and circulation. Feedback was shared related to CADL's success and how the communities have participated to establish a successful and positive organization. Mr. Whipple stated that the City of Mason would like more influence on CADL agreements and governing policies. The City would like to see CADL move forward with progress and is frustrated by feelings of having little opportunity to influence in the past. Participating members are party to agreement and the only ones who can influence a change in the agreement. Grievances include inequity regarding outlying patrons not paying taxes to support Mason specifically. It is believed to be a discriminatory practice when the City of Lansing does not maintain the Main Library but outlying communities are responsible for their building maintenance. Quenda Story attempted to clarify what the City of Mason representatives stated as their three points of rationale for wishing to become participating municipality: one being to influence appointments, second to pursue an additional seat on the Board (which was not supported), and third (which was not articulated), is believed to be in order to withdraw. Issues include a desire for money to build a building in Mason as well as respond to inequities. A motion to table the City's request was made. The motion carried.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### **General**

1. Representation on the MMLC Board

Marge Bossenbery moved to appoint Alma Staton to the Mid-Michigan Library Cooperative Board, as Stu Wilson is not eligible for re-election. Joan Trezise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. City of Mason Resolution

The question regarding the legal affect of the library agreement will be referred to CADL's attorney for response. Stu Wilson made a motion to table this item until consultation with attorney has taken place. Alma Staton seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Bloomquist— yes

Bossenbery— no

Staton— yes

Story— yes

Trezise— no

Wilson— yes

The motion carried.

3. Legislative Update

There was no Legislative Update.

4. Community Contacts

The Board reviewed community contact meetings including meeting with Tony Baltimore. It is hoped that Mike Rodgers' office will earmark money for building initiatives. The meeting that was held was effective and follow up correspondence was sent.

### **Development Committee**

1. Update

The intent is to raise funds to work on buildings. Topics to discuss include building and funding assessments as well as potential architect input. The next Board Meeting is August 16 and the Development Committee discussion will be added to the regular agenda as part of standard Board Meeting. Joan Trezise shared that a meeting is pending with the Mayor and staff for mid-August.

### **Finance Committee**

1. RFID Equipment Purchase (Radio Frequency Identification)

This item was approved by consent.

2. SIP2 Licenses for RFID Stations

This item was approved by consent.

### **Policy Review**

Joan Trezise moved to approve the following policies:

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Alma Staton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Director's Report**

Sue Hill provided a statistics correction. The statistics charts reflect that checkout of materials continues to increase. Library visits and other increases were noted.

The "Ask the Librarian" inquiry option through CADL website was discussed. Numerous comments and purchase suggestions are being sent through that link. As a result, a new method will be established for reviewing and forwarding comments and requests to the appropriate responder.

The C-SPAN bus is visiting August 3<sup>rd</sup> to build awareness of the program as well as to conduct interviews from the bus. Anticipated stops include the Lansing and Okemos libraries.

The August Calendar of Events was shared to include the State Librarian's visit at Mason. Tuesday, August 8, is Election Day. Soup To Nutz Bistro is designated for listening to the results as a group.

The CADL picnic was announced for Sunday, August 13. The picnic presents a casual, family-oriented opportunity and Board members are invited to attend. RSVP to Julie Laxton.

Tuesday, August 29, is the scheduled date for Williamston Library Open House at the new location in the Community Center.

A meeting is scheduled with Aurelius Township Aug. 22 at 4 p.m. Township Supervisor, Larry Silsby. Deb Bloomquist volunteered to attend the meeting.

### **Development Director's Report**

Nancy Bujold shared enthusiasm for the August 29<sup>th</sup> reopening. Mayor Zichi has agreed to attend as well as advertise the reopening.

Nancy Bujold participated in a radio interview with Gary Austin, aired on major stations. The discussion was about the libraries and what they do.

A meeting was held last week with Jackson National Life regarding a giving program to partner with CADL to make RIF Babes a matching program, 2:1. They are considering a few outreach programs and may pursue matching with Senior Book Nooks and books by mail and will promote volunteering amongst employees. Support would allow for significant expansion and grant opportunities are being sought.

The Williamston Community Foundation is increasing fundraising efforts. They have developed brochures and raised significant funding and will be pursuing greater efforts. Their goal is to finish developing property and to begin building.

RED Team has considered joining the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. A new regional approach to economical development and proposed merger is addressed in a letter Nancy Bujold received.

A handout was distributed from the ALA listserv, including references to libraries and Patriot Act as well as other information.

### **Public Comments**

Sally Trout shared a concern that as a city, Mason is paying to maintain their building that outlying communities use without paying for. This concern is understood and is broadly shared.

### **Staff Comments**

There were no staff comments.

### **Board Member Comments**

Joan Trezise stated that another conversation with Mr. Whipple might be beneficial to reiterate our intentions and serious position in pursuing library improvements, including Mason. Deb Bloomquist publicly noted that she was exceptionally offended with the method in which Mason representatives referred to our board, using the word "ignorant" in a recent meeting. Mr. Whipple personally stated he would advise everyone he knew to oppose the millage and representatives were publicly disrespectful toward the CADL Board.

### **Adjournment**

Stu Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Marge Bossenbery seconded motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.