

# **CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARIES BOARD MEETING**

March 17, 2021

**Members Present:** Debora Bloomquist, Margaret Bossenbery, Jeff Croff, Sandy Drake, Vern Johnson, DeYeya Jones, Sally Trout

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Scott Duimstra, Jolee Hamlin, Sheryl Knox, Chelsea Koenigsknecht, Julie Laxton, Michael Moore, Thais Rousseau, Trent Smiley, Pat Taylor

**Others Present:**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

Bloomquist – Present, Dialing in from Okemos, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan

Bossenbery – Present, Dialing in from City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan

Croff – Present, Dialing in from City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan

Drake – Present, Dialing in from Haslett, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan

Johnson – Present, Dialing in from City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan

Jones – Present, Dialing in from City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan

Trout – Present, Dialing in from Mason, Alaiedon Township, Ingham County, Michigan

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments on agenda items.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### 1. Approval of Agenda

Jeff Croff made a motion to move SER 201 Library Programs and the February 2021 Financial Report to the consent agenda, and to move the Executive Director Evaluation to next month's Board meeting. Margaret Bossenbery seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Margaret Bossenbery made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Sandy Drake seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### 2. Approval of Minutes February 17, 2021

The minutes of February 17, 2021 were approved by consent.

### 3. Disbursements for February 2021

The disbursements for February 2021 were approved by consent.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Sally Trout checked out books that that were recommended on our platforms and she really enjoyed them.

## **PRESENTATION**

### 1. CADL's Digital Collections: Growth and Challenges – Thais Rousseau, *Collection Development Director*

Thais Rousseau presented about the growth and challenges of CADL's digital collection.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **General**

#### 1. Appointment of Board Nomination Committee

Board Chair, Sally Trout, appointed the following Board members to the Board Nomination Committee:

- Sandy Drake, Committee Chair
- Margaret Bossenbery
- Debora Bloomquist

#### 2. SER 201 Library Programs

SER 201 Library Programs was approved by consent.

#### 3. Legislative Update

There is legislation titled “Build America’s Library Act” that was introduced in the U.S. Senate and moving to the House. The estimated amount that would go to Michigan libraries is estimated at \$135 million and could be used to address facility needs.

#### 4. Community Contacts

The Haslett Library Friends Group will be donating money to the library to purchase snacks for the Haslett staff. The idea stemmed from the Okemos Library Friends Group. Over the years, the Haslett Friends Group has purchased birthday books in honor of the staff members. The Okemos Library Friends Group has piggy backed off this idea.

### **Finance**

#### 1. February 2021 Financial Report

The February 2021 Financial Report was approved by consent.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- The H.E.A.T. (Holt Equity and Access Team) event that we co-hosted the virtual visit of authors Kwame Alexander and Nikki Grimes had over 1,900 attendees and CADL received a lot of praise during and after the event.
- Director Duimstra shared images of Haslett Branch’s stained-glass windows project where tissue paper provided by members was used to create popular Children’s literature characters like Curious George and Pete the Cat.

- Each year the Leslie community hosts a “Great Backyard Bird Count”. Since this year was different, Tammy VanderMolen and Desiree Smith at the Leslie Branch create a Take and Make craft on how to build a birdhouse and information on how to participate in the bird count.
- The Williamston Branch partnered with the Williamston Sunrise Rotary to help promote the vaccine effort in their area. Staff gave away stickers that carry a positive vaccine message.
- The Student Success WIFI Hotspots were distributed to Dansville Community Schools, Leslie Public Schools, Stockbridge Community Schools and Webberville Community Schools. These hotspots will go to 12 students identified as high need at each school system and will be use through the remainder of the school year. We will follow-up with each student to see what impact the WIFI hotspots made on the student’s schoolwork.
- The 2020 Annual Report presentations will be done in May and June. We will be contacting each municipality to see if they’ll be meeting in-person or virtually.
- The Michigan Library Association’s Advocacy Day is Thursday, April 22. This event will be held virtually through Zoom.

### **PUBLIC, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Director Duimstra informed the board that a library fine elimination recommendation would be on the agenda in April. The recommendation is based on a nation-wide library trend.
- Chelsea Koenigsknecht will renew the ALA memberships for Margaret Bossenbery and Debora Bloomquist.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S EVALUATION**

The Executive Director’s Evaluation has been tabled until next month.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Sandy Drake made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Debora Bloomquist seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.