

**MINUTES of the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: October 18, 2021
TIME: 6:30pm
PLACE: Via Zoom and on site at the Fairmont City Library Center, 4444 Collinsville Rd.
Fairmont City, IL 62201

Call to Order

Mark Schusky, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

President Mark Schusky

“The Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns and all or part of the Mississippi Valley Library District's jurisdiction is covered by the disaster area. In my role as the Board President of the Mississippi Valley Library District's Board of Trustees, I have determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the disaster. Therefore, the Board of Trustees is meeting virtually and in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e).”

Roll Call

Trustees present in-person:
Nancy Gerstenecker
Laura Gottschalk
Jed Robbins
Ana Romero-Lizana
Mark Schusky

Trustees present on Zoom:
Amanda Bender

Trustees absent:
Cathy Kulupka

Also present:
Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Input – No in-person or written input.

Friends of the Library

Book sale was held this past weekend. Storage challenges are being addressed. The next book sale will likely be after the first of the year.

Trustee Comments

Jed Robbins welcomed new Children's Librarian Sam Camero. On vacation in Hawaii, he visited different libraries. He noted that WiFi was not open to the public at any of the libraries in HI, only to card-holding patrons. This is a statewide policy. Each library had a visible display for the Friends of their Library. One group of Friends sells handmade, dried flower cards continuously as an ongoing fundraiser. The MVLD physical resource fulfillment is getting back to normal, as he had requested books and then they were available in 3 days.

Consent Items

Motion to approve Consent Items in entirety made by Laura Gottschalk and seconded by Nancy Gerstenecker.

- a. Approval of Minutes – Regular Monthly Meeting of September 20, 2021
- b. Administrative Reports
Report was given by Executive Director Kyla Waltermire.
 - Noted that MVLD is the benefactor of a significant increase in grant funding this fiscal year under the direction of the Executive Director.
 - Waltermire is serving on the Data and Statistics committee for a pilot statewide initiative called Illinois Libraries Present. The initiative will offer affordable-to-libraries virtual author and speaker events. Would potentially allow the MVLD to offer these programs at a very low annual cost as many libraries share the cost of expensive, high-demand speaker fees.

Report was submitted by Assistant Director Katie Heaton in the packet.
- c. Finances- presented in the packet.
- d. Committee Reports
 - i. Finance – no report.
 - ii. Personnel – no report.
 - iii. Fundraiser – no report.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mark Schusky - yes
Laura Gottschalk - yes
Nancy Gerstenecker- yes
Amanda Bender- yes
Jed Robbins- yes
Ana Romero-Lizana- yes

Yes- 6, No – 0, Abstained – 0. Absent – 1

Unfinished Business

- a. COVID-19 Related Actions
 - i. No new updates
- b. Fairmont City Rooftop HVAC Unit
 - i. No new updates
- c. Repairs and Updates to the Blum House
 - i. Waltermire has reached out to Paul Welch from the Collinsville Library Foundation to confirm that the MVL D would like to move forward with recommended repairs and updates. Contractor has been contacted but no further news yet.

New Business

- a. Resolution 22-01: Resolution to Determine Estimate of Funds Needed for FY2022

A motion was made by Nancy Gerstenecker to approve Resolution 22-01 as presented and seconded by Ana Romero-Lizana.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Mark Schusky - yes
- Laura Gottschalk - yes
- Nancy Gerstenecker- yes
- Amanda Bender- yes
- Jed Robbins- yes
- Ana Romero-Lizana- yes

Yes- 6, No – 0, Abstained – 0. Absent – 1

- b. Variable Air Volume Boxes – Quote to Replace

A motion to approve the variable air volume boxes quote from Johnson Controls was made by Ana Romero-Lizana and seconded by Amanda Bender.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Mark Schusky - yes
- Laura Gottschalk - yes
- Nancy Gerstenecker- yes
- Amanda Bender- yes
- Jed Robbins- yes
- Ana Romero-Lizana- yes

Yes- 6, No – 0, Abstained – 0. Absent – 1

- c. E-Resources for Nonresidents

Waltermire requested that a prior Board decision to offer free e-resources accounts for non-residents be reverse for the time being due to the technological infrastructure to support it not being available at both the MVL D and SHARE levels.

Motion made to by Laura Gottschalk and seconded by Ana Romero-Lizana to reverse the e-resources for non-residents decision as recommended by the Executive Director.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Mark Schusky - yes
- Laura Gottschalk - yes
- Nancy Gerstenecker- yes

Amanda Bender- yes
Jed Robbins- yes
Ana Romero-Lizana- yes

Yes- 6, No – 0, Abstained – 0. Absent – 1

d. Holidays Policy

A draft policy was presented. Columbus Day would be removed from the list of MVLD holidays and Juneteenth would be added. A motion to revise the policy as outlined was made by Jed Robbins and seconded by Nancy Gerstenecker.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mark Schusky - yes
Laura Gottschalk - yes
Nancy Gerstenecker- yes
Amanda Bender- yes
Jed Robbins- yes
Ana Romero-Lizana- yes

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e. Review of Serving Our Public 4.0 “Chapter 12: Technology” and “Chapter 13: Marketing, Promotion, and Collaboration” – no questions.

Closed Session – none

Adjournment

A motion was made by Nancy Gerstenecker and seconded by Jed Robbins to adjourn.

A roll call vote was taken:

Trustees present:

Mark Schusky - yes
Laura Gottschalk - yes
Nancy Gerstenecker- yes
Amanda Bender- yes
Jed Robbins- yes
Ana Romero-Lizana- yes

Yes- 6, No – 0, Abstained – 0. Absent – 1

The meeting ended at 6:54pm.