

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

DATE: August 15, 2022

TIME: 6:30pm

PLACE: Blum House, Collinsville, IL

Call to Order

Mark Schusky, President, called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

Roll Call

Trustees present:

Mark Schusky, President
Laura Gottschalk, Vice-President
Nancy Gerstenecker, Treasurer
Ana Romero-Lizana, Trustee
Marleen Suarez, Trustee

Trustees absent:

Amanda Bender, Secretary
Cathy Kulupka, Trustee

Also present:

Katie Heaton, Assistant Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Input – There was 1 email sent to Trustees included in the meeting packet.

Sam Camero, former MVLD employee, addressed the Board regarding various issues associated with MVLD.

Friends of the Library – No updates at this time.

Trustee Comment – None.

Consent Items

Motion to approve Consent Items in entirety made by Suarez and seconded by Gerstenecker.

- a. Approval of Minutes – Regular meeting of July 18, 2022.
- b. Administrative Reports
 - Executive Director's report was given by Assistant Director Katie Heaton in the absence of Executive Director Kyla Waltermire.
 - Assistant Director's report was given by Assistant Director Katie Heaton.
 - New employee, Nathaly Lamas, is the sister of a former employee, Luis Lamas.
 - Backpacks are being donated to kids for volunteering their time in the library.
 - Currently offering no traditional children's programs while they work to fill the children's librarian position.
- c. Finances – Presented in the packet.
- d. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance – None.
 - b. Personnel – None.
 - c. Fundraiser – None.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Nancy Gerstenecker – Yes
Laura Gottschalk – Yes
Ana Romero-Lizana – Yes
Mark Schusky – Yes
Marleen Suarez – Yes

Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 2

Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- a. COVID-19 related Actions
 - a. Re-evaluation of Paid COVID Leave - Due to high levels in both Madison and St Clair counties, we will continue to offer paid COVID leave for library employees.
- b. Repairs & Updates to the Blum House – Collinsville Library Foundation – still waiting on new countertops.
- c. Annual Evaluation of Executive Director – Have received 17 responses to staff feedback survey. Personnel committee will meet to complete evaluation process soon.

New Business

- a. Eagle Scout Proposal for Memorial Bricks by Historical Museum -
As one component of his Eagle Scout project, Ryder Saak would like to expand the memorial bricks area outside the museum. He plans to level the current bricks, add new bricks, and expand the French drain. He will seek approval from the Eagle Scout board for his project.
A motion was made to approve the proposal by Romero-Lizana and seconded by Gottschalk.

A roll call vote was taken:

Nancy Gerstenecker – Yes
Laura Gottschalk – Yes
Ana Romero-Lizana – Yes
Mark Schusky – Yes
Marleen Suarez – Yes

Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 2

Motion carried.

- b. Short Street Lot – City of Collinsville Possibility –
The City of Collinsville is interested in purchasing this lot and possibly using it as a community garden or pocket park/garden. The city also mentioned the idea of connecting the library to the new garden with a walkway path. The library budgeted \$13,000 for the sale of the lot based on realtor's estimate and comparisons. The city asked if we would consider a lesser amount. Board authorizes Waltermire to continue negotiations.
- c. Review of Serving Our Public 4.0 Chapter 10 – No discussion.

Closed Session – none

Adjournment

A motion was made by Romero-Lizana and seconded by Gerstenecker to adjourn.

A roll call vote was taken:

Nancy Gerstenecker – Yes

Laura Gottschalk – Yes
Ana Romero-Lizana – Yes
Mark Schusky – Yes
Marleen Suarez – Yes

Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 2

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.