

Approved Minutes of the
Chesterfield District Library
Regular Board Meeting
July 18, 2007

Library Board President Harris called the meeting to order in the Chesterfield District Library, located at 50560 Patricia Avenue, Chesterfield Township, Michigan at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Karen Campbell, Loraine DeMuynck, Kermit Harris, Dr. Earl Hartman, Dr. Raymond McCracken, Michael Miller and Alan Naldrett

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public including Linda Hartman, Friends of the Library and Library staff, Marta Kwitkowsky, Children's Librarian and Marion Lusardi, Library Director

ABSENT: None

Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Hartman rose to a POINT OF ORDER and requested the agenda be changed to reflect his e-mail of June 23, 2007 in which he requested the minutes of June 20, 2007 pulled and moved to Item 4 and the Resignation Request Item 7a pulled and moved to Item 5, immediately proceeding Public Comments as Item 6.

AYES: Dr. Hartman, Michael Miller

NAYS: Karen Campbell, Loraine DeMuynck, Kermit Harris, Dr. McCracken, Alan Naldrett

MOTION FAILED

Trustee Naldrett made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Loraine DeMuynck.

AYES: Karen Campbell, Loraine DeMuynck, Kermit Harris, Dr. McCracken, Michael Miller, Alan Naldrett

NAYS: Dr. Hartman

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comments:

Dr. Hartman rose to a POINT OF ORDER requested the time limit of three minutes stated in the by-laws for the public to address the board be suspended and amended to five minutes. Support by Michael Miller. POINT OF ORDER – Alan Naldrett stated the by-laws cannot be changed during a meeting and the audience could speak again later in the meeting. Dr. Hartman requested a roll call vote on his motion to increase the time limit to five minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Dr. Hartman, Dr. McCracken, Michael Miller

NAYS: Karen Campbell, Loraine DeMuynck, Kermit Harris, Alan Naldrett

MOTION FAILED

POINT OF ORDER

AGENDA/ APPROVED AS PRESENTED

POINT OF ORDER/

MOTION TO INCREASE TIME LIMIT/

NOT APPROVED

Public Comments:

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Garnet Cornell, Beth Kerrigan , Nancy Orewyler, Sharon Row, Steve LaPorte, Jill Assaad and Lou Nigro

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS/**

Approval of Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda contained Minutes of the June 20, 2007 Regular Meeting, Bills for Payment including Expense Report 6, Payroll Reports 13 and 14, the President’s Report, and the Director’s Report including: statistics for June 2007, letters regarding the lease agreement and the Children’s Librarian Report.

**CONSENT
AGENDA/**

**APPROVED
WITH
CORRECTION
TO MINUTES**

Dr. Hartman requested a change of the wording “demanded the request for his resignation be included on next month’s agenda” to **‘if you want to bring this up put it on next month’s agenda’**.

Trustee DeMuynck motioned the Board accept the change to the minutes with the proposed correction. Seconded by Mr. Miller.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Request for Closed Session:

None

**CLOSED
SESSION/
NONE**

Old Business:

a- Resignation Request

Mrs. DeMuynck withdrew her request for the resignation of Dr. Hartman.

Dr. Hartman objected to the withdrawal and demanded the right to confront his accusers.

Following the ensuing discussion, President Harris rose to POINT OF ORDER citing Robert’s Rules of Order that if a proposal is withdrawn by the maker the issue is dead.

**OLD
BUSINESS/**

**RESIGNATION
REQUEST
WITHDRAWN**

b- November Ballot

Trustee Loraine DeMuynck proposed the Board not attempt to pass the millage again. Karen Campbell brought up the need to continue the .7 mills in order to continue as a District Library after December 2007.

Dr. McCracken suggested the issue be tabled to next month’s meeting or a special meeting and have the attorney address the Board regarding the feasibility of attaining the goal of passing a millage. It was determined the cutoff date to be placed on the ballot is August 28, 2007. Mrs. DeMuynck requested the Director find out the cost to the Library for the millage issue to be placed on the ballot.

**NOVEMBER
BALLOT/**

**TABLED TO
AUGUST
MEETING**

Mrs. Campbell motioned the question of the November Ballot be tabled to next month. Support by Trustee Naldrett

AYES: All

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

Dr. Hartman made the motion to discuss charging an ethics violation citing a conflict of interest between Kermit Harris, as President of the Library Board and his wife, Pam Harris, Township Treasurer, holding a fund raising event before the millage vote. Supported by Michael Miller. At this time Linda Hartman distributed packets to members of the audience containing copies of Library Bylaws, District Library Act, minutes of the June 20, 2007 meeting and various letters.

Following discussion, Dr. Hartman and Mr. Miller withdrew the motion.

No vote was taken on the motion.

Dr. Hartman then amended his motion to table it to next month due to the seriousness of the matter. Support by Michael Miller.

AYES: Dr. Hartman, Michael Miller, Dr. McCracken

NAYS: Karen Campbell, Loraine DeMuynck, Kermit Harris,
Alan Naldrett

MOTION FAILED

Dr. Hartman next questioned Director Lusardi contacting the Board attorney when he requested information. Mrs. Lusardi reviewed the sequence of Dr. Hartman's requests for information per his visit to the Library on June 22, 2007. At that time, Dr. Hartman left with the following: Library Bylaws, Ethics for Trustees, Ground Rules for Conducting Board Meetings, Communication Protocols and Library Bill of Rights, and it was not until he stated he was looking to legal council for possible legal action that she contacted the Board's attorney regarding the FOIA-Freedom of Information Act. She offered to contact another attorney to see if a policy regarding FOIA should be developed. In the ensuing discussion the Board determined no action needed to be taken.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Public Comments:

The following individuals addressed the Board at this time:

Lawson Davis , Sue DeGowske, Nancy Orewyler, Beth Kerrigian,
Lou Nigro, Tracy Antrikin, Michele Ficht, Garnet Cornell

**NEW
BUSINESS/**

**DR. HARTMAN
CHARGES
BOARD
PRESIDENT
WITH
ETHICS
VIOLATION**

**MOTION TO
TABLE
DISCUSSION
FAILED**

**NO ACTION
TAKEN**

**DR. HARTMAN
QUESTIONS
DIRECTOR
CONTACTING
BOARD
ATTORNEY
RE: FOIA**

**NO ACTION
TAKEN**

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Campbell to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Support by Loraine DeMuynck.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Loraine DeMuynck, Secretary

ADJOURNMENT