

*Corrected Approved* Minutes of the

**Chesterfield District Library**

Regular Board Meeting

June 20, 2007

Library Board President Lt. Col. 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, Lt. Col. Kermit Harris, Dr. Earl Hartman, Dr. Raymond McCracken, Michael Miller and Alan Naldrett

**ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Hartman, Township Liaison, Mrs. Ellen McCracken, Jean Davis, Mrs. Pam Harris, Chesterfield Township Treasurer, Marta Kwitkowsky, Children's Librarian and Marion Lusardi, Library Director

**ABSENT:** None

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Alan Naldrett to approve the agenda. Support by Loraine DeMuynck.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AGENDA/  
APPROVED**

**Public Comments:**

None

**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS/  
NONE**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

The Consent Agenda contained bills for payment including Expense Reports 4 and 5, Payroll Reports 11 and 12, the Director's Report including statistics for May 2007, Post Election Considerations, a copy of the Bay Voice May 30, 2007 article titled "Library may still get free property" and the Children's Librarian Report.

Karen Campbell made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the Treasurer's Report and the Director's Report pulled and discussed separately. Motion supported by Alan Naldrett.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Campbell distributed copies of the 2006 financial report and further discussed the findings of the audit performed by Buss & Co. that finds the Library's finances are in excellent shape.

Dr. Earl Hartman made the motion to receive and file the 2006 Audit Report. Supported by Karen Campbell.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA/  
APPROVED  
WITH  
DISCUSSION  
OF  
TREASURER'S  
AND  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT**

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT  
RECEIVED  
AND FILED**

## Discussion of Treasurer's Report- continued

AYES: All

NAYS: None

### MOTION CARRIED

#### Director's Report

Director Lusardi spoke regarding a letter she had just received from Attorney Gendernalik indicating the Tobin Estate is almost ready to close and the total assets are now \$1,278,600.00.

**TOBIN  
ESTATE  
STATUS**

Trustee Miller discussed the SLC concerns of the possible reduction of the State's Library co-ops from thirteen to six and how this might affect the SLC assets. Mrs. Lusardi noted that the situation is still under discussion in the legislature and we will have to abide by any decisions that are made.

**POSSIBLE  
REDUCTION  
OF CO-OPS**

Further discussion ensued regarding the Post Election Considerations contained in the Director's Report.

Dr. Hartman stated he felt the Board should not ask for another millage now but should wait until we have the land.

Karen Campbell remarked that at a meeting she attended, a statement was made that the Township would not help build the library but will try to hold some land for the Library if land is awarded to them.

Director Lusardi discussed the fact that the DOE contract cannot be fulfilled due to the millage failure.

**POST  
ELECTION  
CONSIDERA-  
TIONS  
DISCUSSED**

At 7:00 p.m., Dr. Hartman announced he had to leave the meeting. Trustee Naldrett rose to a POINT OF ORDER and asked Trustee DeMuyne to read a statement requesting Dr. Hartman's resignation from the Board due to his lack of support of the Library. Alan Naldrett motioned Mrs. Hartman should also resign as liaison.

**POINT OF  
ORDER**

Dr. Hartman stated he had informed Col. Harris he needed to leave the meeting at 7:00 before the meeting began, and demanded the request for his resignation be included on the next month's agenda ~~-correction-~~ delete the word demanded and insert the words "if you want to bring this up put it on next month's agenda."

**REQUEST FOR  
RESIGNATION**

Discussion followed regarding the letter in the May 2, 2007 Bay Voice from Township Trustee Linda Hartman indicating her opposition to the millage.

Mrs. Hartman stated that she supported the Library but in her opinion, the millage should not be passed at this time.

Lt. Col. Harris stated he felt she should have signed the letter as a private citizen and not as a Township Trustee, an authority figure.

**LIAISON'S  
POSITION ON  
MILLAGE  
DISCUSSED**

Trustee Miller suggested the requests for resignations be postponed and included under New Business at the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Hartman further stated that her term as liaison has expired due to the fact we are now a District and not a Township Library.

**Post Election Considerations –continued**

Mr. Naldrett withdrew his motion for Mrs. Hartman’s resignation as the question is moot.

Lt. Col. Harris introduced the possibility of requesting a millage in the upcoming November election. He does not want the districting process to have to start all over from the beginning. The Library will lose its District status in December 2007 if a millage is not passed.

Dr. McCracken asked if Director Lusardi contacted Polly Koenigs knecht regarding the matter. Mrs. Lusardi stated she had and Polly felt that a second loss could be detrimental to the community’s goodwill toward the Library. We would need to file by early August 2007 to be on the ballot. It was also noted the Fire Department might request an increase of .5 mills in the November election.

The Board requested Director Lusardi to invite attorney Colis to attend the July Board meeting to discuss the millage question.

**DISCUSSION  
OF SECOND  
MILLAGE  
REQUEST**

Trustee Naldrett proposed a thank-you letter be sent to the Department of Education for their support.

The budget report in the Campaign Analysis (New Business) was reviewed. Of the approved budget, approximately half the amount was used to date. Billing for the election fees from the Township is pending.

**CAMPAIGN  
BUDGET  
NOTED**

The Board thanked the Citizens Group and a round of applause was given to the members attending the meeting. Mrs. McCracken stated she had heard from people in the community that a second attempt to pass a millage would not be successful.

**CITIZENS  
GROUP  
THANKED**

It was also determined a letter should be sent in reply to the Bay Voice May 30, 2007 article in regard to the possibility of the Library receiving land with no funds to construct a building . This issue will be placed on the July agenda.

Lt. Col. Harris distributed the President’s Report containing the 2007 Committee Assignments.

**COMMITTEE  
ASSISGNMENTS**

It was noted the Director’s annual evaluation is due by September and the forms will be sent out in July or early August.

**Public Comments:**

Mrs. Lusardi reported donations were received from Chesterfield Bay Lions \$500, Rotary \$600 and Friends of the Library \$3745.

Trustee Naldrett noted the party for Lanette Strickland’s good-by was well attended.

Lt. Col. Harris noted the Optimist Club assisted with preparations for the Summer Reading program.

**DONATIONS  
NOTED**

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Loraine DeMuynck to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Support by Alan Naldrett.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**Loraine DeMuynck, Secretary**