

Approved Minutes of the  
Chesterfield Township Library  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 19, 2021

Library Board President, Murney Bell, called the meeting to order remotely via WebEx for the Chesterfield Twp. Library, located at 50560 Patricia Avenue, Chesterfield Township, MI at 6:31 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Murney Bell attending from Chesterfield Township, Macomb County, Michigan  
Annette Goike attending from New Baltimore, Macomb County, Michigan  
Stephen Bawks attending from Chesterfield Township, Macomb County, Michigan  
Heather Morrison attending from Chesterfield Township, Macomb County, Michigan  
Troy Cunningham attending from Chesterfield Township, Macomb County, Michigan  
Megan Rock attending from Chesterfield Township, Macomb County, Michigan

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Elizabeth Madson, Library Director; David Joseph, Chesterfield Township Liaison

**ABSENT:**

None

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Trustee Goike to approve the meeting agenda. Support by Trustee Morrison.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**APPROVED**

Murney Bell: Aye

Annette Goike: Aye

Stephen Bawks: Aye

Heather Morrison: Aye

Troy Cunningham: Aye

Megan Rock: Aye

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

The Consent Agenda contained minutes for the April 21, 2021 meeting, Cash Flow Summary for March 2021, Expense Report for April 2021, YTD Budget Report for April 2021, Director's Report, Statistical Report for April 2021, Library Board Member Contact List, Referendum 2021 bookmark, and informational mailer postcard. Motion by Trustee Morrison to approve the Consent Agenda, with support by Trustee Rock.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**APPROVED**

Murney Bell: Aye

Annette Goike: Aye

Stephen Bawks: Aye

Heather Morrison: Aye

Troy Cunningham: Aye

Megan Rock: Aye

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Action Item 6A - "Recognition of Merle Davies, July 1, 1929 - March 28, 2021"  
- The library board formally recognized and thanked Merle P. Davies, who passed away on March 28, 2021, for naming the Library as a beneficiary of his financial trust. The Library recognized that Merle valued self-learning, access to ideas, and simply wanted to be around other people, his neighbors, his community. Merle valued the public library and we thank him for remembering the impact of the Chesterfield Township Library. The Library anticipates that a gift such as Merle's will result in a future Merle P. Davies Local History Room, and more.

**NO ACTION**

Action Item 6B - "Policy Review: Reconsideration of Library Materials" - The library board reviewed their responsibility for approving written policies, the Reconsideration of Library Materials policy, the importance of in loco parentis, the American Library Association's (ALA) Banned Book FAQ explaining the difference between a challenge or banning, ALA's Freedom to Read Statement, ALA's Freedom to View Statement, the Library Bill of Rights, and the Library's Procedure for Reconsideration of Library Materials.

**NO ACTION**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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David Joseph, Township Liaison, shared an update on the transition of the Chesterfield Township Supervisor position where the Township Board will appoint a successor until the 2022 primary election.

The Library Director shared that the library has moved to Stage 5 of its 6-stage COVID-19 Library Reopening Plan; library staff will help collect trash from 10-2 on Saturday with Chesterfield Township's Community Clean Up project; and that the library is committed to continuing to have a great relationship with the Township and leadership, raising a question about the lack of inclusion in the Township's Master Plan project. Joseph reassured that lack of inclusion was not a slight on the public library, and that decisions regarding the Master Plan were consistent with what the Township Board has the ability to control, given the library is an autonomous, separate entity from the township board. Joseph shared that there are a number of visionary kind of people at the Township with really good ideas, and a general consensus of overall support of the library and how the township could better support the work of the library board.

**Adjournment:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Morrison with support by Trustee Cunningham to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**APPROVED**

Murney Bell: Aye

Annette Goike: Aye

Stephen Bawks: Aye

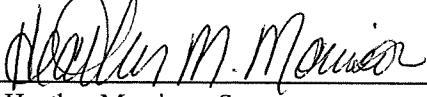
Heather Morrison: Aye

Troy Cunningham: Aye

Megan Rock: Aye

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Heather Morrison, Secretary