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**Lapeer District Library
Special Meeting of November 2, 2017
Metamora Branch Library
Minutes**

17S.11.01 CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Watz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

17S.11.02 ROLL CALL:

Glenn Alverson	City of Lapeer	12/31/2018	Present
Charlotte Babb	County (Burnside Township)	12/31/2020	Present
Hill Kim	County (Hadley Township)	12/31/2019	Present
Gary Phillips	County (Deerfield Township)	12/31/2019	Present
Karen Rykhus	Lapeer Township	12/31/2020	Present
Perry Valle	County (Metamora Township)	12/31/2017	Present
Janet Watz	Mayfield Township	12/31/2017	Present

Quorum is 4. There are 7 Board members present.

Also present are Melissa Malcolm, LDL Director; Pat Presby, recorder and Laura Fromwiller, Reference Department Chair

17S.11.03 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mr. Phillips moved to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Mr. Valle. Motion carried.

17S.11.04 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

17S.11.05 Building Project- The building committee submitted notes on their meeting of October 26, 2017. Ms. Malcolm submitted notes on the building project covering points c. program spaces; d. bond work/committee; e. community input/involvement; and f. building committee.

17S.11.06 a. discussion of August 2018 vote date—Some reservation was expressed

about keeping the August 2018 bond vote date. It was decided to poll the board members individually to hear each member's thoughts and opinions as well as information from Ms. Malcolm and Ms. Fromwiller.

Concerns included the tight time frame without having a Say Yes! Committee in place now as suggested by the Zrimec and Wick report on June 1.

Also, plans for having a capital campaign have been given up for lack of time, although fund raising will still continue and issues of record keeping and signing checks are being resolved. Board members reminded each other of how much had been accomplished and that the board's credibility was at stake given that the building bond issue has already been put off once.

On the practical side, it was brought to the attention of the board that not only would building costs rise but also the morale of the staff and patrons who are enthusiastic about the project would plummet. Delaying the vote would incur further problems: the contract with North Branch expires in 2020 and the operating millage renewal comes in 2022. It was pointed out that the issues facing the board in 2020 might be different than those faced in 2018.

The board was reminded of the time and effort of people who have already helped with the project in terms of interviews, information gathered, polls taken, and the re-branding process, as well as the money spent.

In John Christka's timeline, the political pressure for the vote starts about four months before the vote.

The results of the discussion: 2018 is the best time for the election; a more stringent assignment of tasks; breakdown the components of the Say Yes! Committee for the duties of the chairs; an elevator speech for the duties of committee members; a fund raising chair (ads, lawn signs). Further, it is necessary to assign tasks and deadlines for board members to contact and ask specific people if they are interested in serving on the committee. Ms. Malcolm will print out the spreadsheets already developed of organizations and contact persons and mail them to board members.

Clarification was made dealing with the board member's participation in the Say Yes! Committee. Board members cannot participate in the formal structure of a of the committee, but they can attend meetings.

- 17S.11.07 b. capital campaign/fund raising--In the event of failure of the bond vote, any donations will be returned to the donors.
- 17S.11.08 c. specific program spaces and how they will work within the new facility—building committee meeting notes of October discussed this point.
- 17S.11.09 d. bond work/committee--It was agreed that it would not be necessary to have a “highly visible person with many contacts to be on the committee since committee members can ask other people they know to be on the committee.
- 17S.11.10 e. community input/involvement—dates are given for input at library branches and will be on the library's home page.
- 17S.11.11 f. building committee- in reference to building committee notes submitted, is clear that in the modern library emphasis is on more space for community to gather rather than solely for the expansion of the collection.
- 17S.11.12 g. key topics for next meeting— board members agreed to communicate with each other to see where the “holes” are in the recruitment of new Say Yes! Committee members.
- 17S.11.13 NEW BUSINESS: none
- 17S.11.14 PUBLIC COMMENTS: none
- 17S.11.15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Alverson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Phillips. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

**Regular Meeting:
Marguerite deAngeli Library
November 16, 2017**

**Finance Committee 1 p.m.
Full Board 2 p.m.**

**Special Meeting:
Metamora Branch Library
December 7, 2017
4:30 p.m.**

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