

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN Approved

LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES FROM **8/8/2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Board President: Drew McMechan; Board Vice President: Nancy Bailey; Board Secretary: Lynn Cox; Board Members: Barbra Reddy; Janet Smith; Paul Werhane; and Director James Lenze

Guest:

Absent:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Board Member Smith, supported by Board Member Cox. Resolved: to accept the minutes of the Library Board meeting and closed session minutes of **Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

Vote:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0

Passes 6-0 unanimous

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It was moved by Board Member Reddy, supported by Board Member Smith. Resolved to accept the Director's report for the month as presented.

Vote:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Passes 6-0 unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports were not ready for presentation. They will be presented next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INVESTMENTS: Discussed. Director Lenze will invite representatives from MI CLASS and GovMic to the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SEED GARDEN: The Garden City High School PTSA presented a hand painted seed garden to the Library, complete with seed packets. This was the result of their spring fundraiser.

LISA KLEINERT'S EXIT INTERVIEW:

It was moved by Board Member Reddy, supported by Board Member Smith. Resolved: to go into Closed Session after Public Comments, at the request of James Lenze, for the purpose of hearing complaints against Library employees, specifically Lenze and Poma, contained in Lisa's written exit interview.

Roll Call Vote:

McMechan: Aye; Bailey: Aye; Cox: Aye; Reddy: Aye; Smith: Aye; Werhane: Aye

OTHER BUSINESS

STORAGE CABINETS: Board Member Smith strongly suggested that the Library needs to invest in more storage cabinets and to eliminate clutter. There was no disagreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Poma praised the Garden City Public Library for the programs provided to residents. She supports James and Kim.

Marge Hickman expressed concern about issues she encountered on social media regarding Lisa's exit from the Library.

John Murray asked about the status of the lawsuit, specifically if the judge had signed off on the settlement. He also had questions about the new expenses borne by the Library since the City severed ties with the Library.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered Closed Session at 7:38 PM

The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:43 PM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM.**

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