

**HAZEL PARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
123 EAST NINE MILE ROAD  
HAZEL PARK, MICHIGAN 48030**

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012 6:30 P.M.  
THE MONROE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The President of the Hazel Park Memorial Library (HPML) called the Board of Directors' April Meeting to order this Thursday evening, at 6:30 P.M.

Of the six Directors elected, only four were in attendance at this Meeting.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Sandra Pond, President  
Bob Peterson, Vice President  
Linda Zeiss, Secretary  
Ed Bullock

Jessica Keyser, HPML Director, was also in attendance.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Irene Zagar  
(excused absence)

Michael Pyciak  
(unexcused absence)

**IN THE AUDIENCE:**

Linda Sims,  
HPML Children's Librarian

Clara Boyd,  
Teenage library patron

David Haney,  
Ms. Boyd's father

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: N/A**

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ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS: N/A

ADDITONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Ms. Zeiss motioned to approve the Agenda, as presented and she received a second from Mr. Peterson. The other two Directors were in agreement, 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012, MINUTES:

Ms. Zeiss motioned her approval, as well as Ms. Pond. The other two Directors present were in accord, 4-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Library's Director gave a comprehensive narrative of the potential elimination of Michigan's Personal Property Tax. Ms. Keyser said that the loss of this revenue would be devastating for the library and the City of Hazel Park. Mr. Peterson proposed a resolution in support of fully replacing Michigan's Personal Property Tax. Mr. Bullock supported the motion. The other two Directors present were in accord, 4-0.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Gasland screening, Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 P.M.  
Prom Dress Exchange, Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 3-6 P.M.

Ms. Keyser continued by listing the most popular programs held at the Library:

Tiny Tales story times  
Family Game Night  
Family Saturday Afternoon Movies  
Teen Leadership Board  
Yoga Family Fun  
Adult & Teen Craft Night  
Book Bingo  
Knit Night  
Adult Book Club  
Pizza and Pages (A book club for fourth and fifth graders.)  
Write On (a creative writing workshop for teens.)  
Tween Manga Club

UPDATE ON PLACEMAKING CONTEST:

Plan to include stamped concrete patio, handicap-accessible. Deadline: May 4<sup>th</sup>.

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The Director concluded by welcoming Casey Williams, the Library's new Page.

Ms. Keyser gave the statistics of the monthly accounting to each Board member:

THE MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, for March 20, 2012  
THE CIRCULATION REPORTS, for March 2012  
APRIL 2012 INVOICES

Mr. Peterson motioned acceptance of the Director's Report. He received a second from Mr. Bullock, and the remaining two Directors were in accord, 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2012-13 Budget Report—March 2012

The Director reported that the Library will most likely expect to receive slightly more property tax revenue in the 2012-13 fiscal year, compared to last year. However, she stated that, the City of Hazel Park has advised the Library to expect about \$30,000 in delinquent tax collections.

Ms. Pond gave her acceptance of Ms. Keyser's 2012-13 Budget Report, and she received support from Mr. Bullock, as well as the other two Directors, 4-0.

2. Proposal to Retain Services of Unique Management

The Library's Director suggested and discussed with the Board of Directors the hiring of Unique Management, in an effort to regain financial losses the Library has "suffered" from patrons, claiming the loss of books and other items.

Ms. Zeiss proposed a resolution to hire the services of Unique Management, and Mr. Peterson was in agreement, as well as the other two Directors, 4-0.

3. Geek the Library Campaign

Ms. Keyser gave a Power Point demonstration, involving a campaign to support libraries.

Mr. Bullock voted acceptance of her proposal, as well as Ms. Zeiss, and the other two Directors, 4-0.

4. Incident Report

Ms. Keyser advised the Board members of a serious incident at the Library, involving two teenagers. The police were called, and criminal charges were filed. The case has been turned over to the juvenile authorities.

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Mr. Bullock suggested the Board "receive and file" the Incident Report, and he received support from Ms. Zeiss. The other two Directors were in agreement, 4-0.

5. Chairs for the Monroe Room

This matter was put on hold until Mr. Bullock has viewed the chairs, which are in use at the City of Ferndale Library. Ms. Keyser thinks they would be the appropriate type to buy for HPML use.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Hazel Park Library Friends

Liaison Ms. Zeiss, to this Friends group, on behalf of the Board of Directors, stated that the group sold plants for Easter, and will sell candy for Mothers' Day. They also discussed at their monthly meeting plans for another used book sale.

PLANNING: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Haney appealed to the Board of Directors to consider removing his daughter's ban from the library. He said that he became aware of his daughter's behavior and ban from the library only after Mr. Bullock visited the Junior High School and his home. Ms. Boyd said that she was sorry for what happened, and she no longer associates with the three young men with whom she got into trouble in February.

In regards to the incident of teenager Clara Boyd, Ms. Sims wanted the Board members to know that there was collusion, because the boys were waiting for Ms. Boyd when she left the Library at the March meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS' AND DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Ed Bullock:

He stated that he had already made his statement, and that he was disappointed that his colleagues would not support him in his attempt to cancel Ms. Boyd's one year ban from the library.

Linda Zeiss:

Referring to Mr. Bullock's interference with the Board's decision of Ms. Boyd's Punishment, she stated that she considered it reprehensible that Mr. Bullock acted beyond his authority.

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Bob Peterson:

Referring to Mr. Bullock, acting as a "committee of one", he stated that it is a behavioral pattern of Mr. Bullock, acting contrary to the other Board members' decisions. However, he did appreciate his concern for Ms. Boyd.

Jessica Keyser:

She stated that she felt Mr. Bullock had the best interest in heart; however, ultimately it is the parents' responsibility to teach her to respect rules and regulations, not the staff.

Sandra Pond:

She stated that Ms. Boyd showed no respect for elders. She felt her temporary ban from the Library might serve to make her a better person.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Zeiss motioned for adjournment at 7:22 P.M., and Mr. Peterson was in agreement.