

MINUTES

OAKLAND COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

December 14, 2011

The regular meeting of the Oakland County Library Board was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Clara Bohrer, John Chambers, Donald Jensen, Vickie Markavitch, Shelley Goodman Taub, Robert Tera

Also in Attendance: Laura Mancini, Director-Library Services, Sherry Hakim, Administrative Assistant

Excused: Judge Gene Schnelz

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

John Chambers added *President's Report* to the December 14, 2011 agenda.

Resolution #11-44: Markavitch moved to approve the December 14, 2011 agenda as amended. Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 16, 2011

Resolution #11-45: Tera moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting. Bohrer seconded. Motion carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed 2012 Meeting Dates

The Board reviewed the 2012 Proposed Library Board Meeting Dates Calendar.

Resolution #11-46: Markavitch moved to approve the 2012 Proposed Library Board Meeting Dates Calendar. Bohrer seconded. Motion carried.

B. Open Meetings Act Review

John Chambers reviewed the Michigan Open Meetings Act with the Board.

C. Cooley Law School Computer Request

Laura Mancini informed the Board of Cooley Law School's request for two computer terminals per its contract with the county. Corporation Counsel is reviewing this request.

D. Courthouse Hours

The Circuit Court is going to issue an order establishing public access hours in the courthouse as 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

The Law Library is open two nights a week and on Saturdays largely to service students from the paralegal schools, with whom the library has contracts.

Jim VerPloeg, Administrative Director from the Board of Commissioners will speak to the Circuit Court on the library's behalf to see if it would be possible for the library to retain its hours until April 30th. This would allow the library to fulfill its contractual obligations with the paralegal schools and allow for a smooth transition to the new schedule.

Resolution #11-47: Bohrer moved to direct Laura Mancini to send a letter to Jim VerPloeg extending the Library Board's thanks and appreciation for his assistance. Tera seconded. Motion carried.

E. LVPI Digital Book Presentation

Laura Mancini gave a brief demonstration of the digital book formats that are now available for the patrons and demonstrated to the Board the many changes that have taken place in audio book development for the visually impaired.

F. Library Annual Report FY2011

Laura Mancini provided a brief review of the library's FY2011 annual report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. October 2011

Resolution # 11-48: Tera moved to approve the October 2011 financial statements. Markavitch seconded. Motion carried.

8. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. President's Report

John Chambers and Laura Mancini met with Michael Gingell, Chair of the County Commissioners. Gingell wants to form a committee to do a study of the library to understand its function and value. Chambers and Mancini will participate.

B. Library Services-Mancini

Written report noted and filed.

- The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library is having a dinner to honor Robert Gaylor.
- TLN put together a report showing how the proposed elimination of the personal property tax would affect public libraries in the cooperative.
- Common Ground would like to expand their legal aid clinic program at the library.

- The *People's Law College* will hold four programs at the Law Library in the first part of 2012.
- The LVPI is in the process of migrating to a new integrated library system called (CUL), Consortium of Library Users.
- Maria Danna gave a tour of the LVPI to the White Lake Boy Scouts.
- The Library of Michigan ceased all regional federal government library program functions on October 1st.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- Oakland County Library Usage Statistics Reports-November 2011
- Article from the *State Bar of Michigan's* website on the Common Ground Clinic held every Thursday at the Oakland County Law Library, December, 2011
- Article in *Oakland County Legal News* on the State Bar of Michigan's "Pro Bono Fair 2011", October 20, 2011
- Article in *The Detroit News* on how libraries are expanding their services beyond traditional books, November 25, 2011
- Article in *Library Hotline* on the possible elimination of personal property tax and how it would negatively impact Michigan public libraries, November 21, 2011
- Article in *Library Hotline* on the GPO's decision to reject a proposed multistate arrangement that would have allowed the University of Minnesota libraries to act as the regional federal depository library for Michigan, October 24, 2011
- Article from the IMLS' website on public library usage in the last decade, November 18, 2011
- Invitation from the *Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library* for a dinner honoring Robert Gaylor, November , 2011
- Article from Jim Pletz, director of TLN, on how the elimination of personal property tax will have a negative impact on Oakland County libraries, November, 2011
- Flier on "*The People's Law College*" lecture series which will be held at the Oakland County Law Library in 2012, November, 2011

10. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

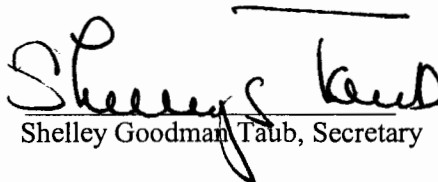
The next regular meeting of the Library Board will be on **January 25, 2012** at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room/Second Floor/West Wing Extension.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #11-49: Taub moved to adjourn the December 14, 2011 meeting. Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.


John Chambers, Chair


Shelley Goodman Taub, Secretary