

Milan Public Library Board of Trustees
Public Meeting of October 10, 2017
Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Milan Public Library Meeting Room

- 1. Call to order at 7:37 p.m. by Biederman.**
 - a. Trustees present: Laurence Biederman, Bob Chidester, Darlene Middleton, Rose Savage, Randy Westbrooks
 - b. Trustees excused absent:
 - c. Staff present: Acting Director Barbara Beaton
 - d. Public present:
- 2. Public comment** – None.
- 3. Suggestion Box** – None.
- 4. Approval of Agenda** – Suggestion to add 13. New Business b. Woodlands Cooperative Meeting and c. Board Vacancy to agenda. MOTION to approve the Agenda as amended by Westbrooks/Biederman, approved unanimously.
- 5. Reading and Approval of Minutes** – MOTION to approve the September 2017 minutes by Westbrooks/Middleton, approved unanimously.
- 6. Correspondence** – None.
- 7. Financial Report** – MOTION to approve the September financial report by Westbrooks/Chidester, approved unanimously
- 8. Approval of Bills, Payables** – MOTION to approve Bills & Payables for September 2017 by Westbrooks/Chidester, approved unanimously.
- 9. Budget Amendments** – None.
- 10. District Library** – None.
- 11. Committee Reports** – None.
- 12. Acting Director's Report** –
 - a. Woodlands Cooperative will be providing electronic access to Consumer Reports to its member libraries for a one-year trial period.

- b. The Library has several public programs on the schedule over the next few months, including our two new book groups (Lethal Lunches and a general-interest book club).
- c. The Library is trying to put together a nomination packet for the June B. Mendel Award for Excellence in Rural Library Service, which will be awarded at the Michigan Small and Rural Libraries Conference in April 2018.
- d. The Adopt-a-Magazine campaign will begin again in November.
- e. Contractors replaced the brick column at the Library entrance.

13. New Business –

- a. **Overdrive Advantage Proposal** – Assistant Director Beaton presented a proposal to establish an Overdrive Advantage account for the Library to purchase digital audio books on a one copy-one user price model, to supplement the Library’s usual purchases of audio books on CD. MOTION to approve a \$1,000 appropriation for the pilot program by Westbrooks/Middleton, approved unanimously.
- b. **Woodlands Cooperative Meeting** – Westbrooks attended the Woodlands Cooperative meeting in Marshall in September. He learned that penal fines will no longer be directed toward public library funding at some point in the future.
- c. **Board Vacancy** – Joyce Armitage has officially resigned from the Library Board. The Board discussed the timing of an advertisement for the open position, especially in light of the upcoming election.

14. Old Business – None.

- 15. Adjournment** – MOTION to adjourn at 8:32 pm by Biederman/Westbrooks, approved unanimously. The next regular meeting will be November 14, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Chidester, Secretary

Laurence Biederman, President