

TADL Board of Library Trustees
Finance Committee
Minutes
October 1, 2019 –5:30 PM ~ Thirlby Room

In Attendance – J. Jones, and J. Gillman, trustees, and D. Radjenovich and M. Howard, staff.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was amended to add a fifth item at the beginning of the agenda: Mulitbank Securites Signature. Agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the September 3, 2019 Special Meeting/Finance Committee were approved at September 19, 2019 Board meeting.

Public Comment – No public comment.

Mulitbank Securites Signature

Radjenovich had recently realized that she was not added to the Mulitbank Securities as a registered/legal signer. Gillman made a motion and Jones seconded to add Radjenovich to the list of approved signers on the Multibank Securities account. Motion passed and will be recommended for approval at the October Board meeting.

2020 Budget Discussion

Howard and Radjenovich brought a preliminary Revenues Budget for discussion. They are still waiting to hear from the State of Michigan to have a final State Aid number. Howard also informed the committee the Union did approve the 2-year extension of the current Union Contract. Library Attorney J. Adams is drafting the agreement with updated Benefits information and salary scale.

Marion Talbot Donation Expenditures

Howard asked staff for suggestions to use for the Marion Talbot donation. Staff members A. Schuck and S. Morey brought to the discussion that 6 years ago, TADL had received a donation that was used for the purchase of AWE (early literacy) computers for the main, branches, and member libraries. These are now all starting to wear, break, and are out of warranty. The computers have logged over 57,000 uses. The total cost is approximately \$44,000. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Gillman and seconded by Jones to approve this expenditure. Motion passed and will be recommended for approval at the October Board meeting.

Howard also brought up the issue of the poor condition of the Atrium furniture. She will prepare costs and bring those to the November meeting.

3.21 Fines and Lending Periods – YA and Juvenile Material Fines (Discussion item)

Howard brought some information about fines for Juvenile and YA materials being a barrier to literacy. Much discussion followed. Howard will bring additional information to the November Finance Committee meeting.

Non-resident Library cards (Discussion item)

Howard brought some information to discuss the possibility of adding a policy to allow non-residents to obtain a library card. This is very different than policies researched in the past. This

policy would add access to anyone who currently cannot borrow materials because they are not in our taxing district, the Northland Library Coop region, or whose home library isn't part of MELcat. Much discussion followed. Howard will bring a draft policy language to the November Finance Committee meeting.

Next Meeting – Next meeting is November 5, 2019 @ 5:30pm.

Next Meeting Topic Suggestions –

Public Comment – None

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.