

## **Benton Harbor Public Library Board Meeting**

**May 18, 2021**

### **MINUTES**

**This meeting was conducted remotely on Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

#### **PRESENT:**

Mamie L. Yarbrough: Board President, Treasurer, and member of the Finance Committee  
Richard S. Hensel: Board Vice President and member of the Finance Committee  
Noreen Syzmanski: Board Secretary and member of the Finance Committee  
Board Members: Dyann Chenault, Marian Tripplett (joined at 4:58pm), Ethel Clark-Griffin,  
Edward Isom

#### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by President Yarbrough.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Dyann Chenault: City of Benton Harbor, County of Berrien, State of Michigan  
Edward Isom: City of Benton Harbor, County of Berrien, State of Michigan  
Noreen Syzmanski: Benton Charter Township, County of Berrien, State of Michigan  
Mamie L. Yarbrough: City of Benton Harbor, County of Berrien, State of Michigan  
Richard S. Hensel: Coloma Charter Township, County of Berrien, State of Michigan  
Ethel Clark-Griffin: City of Benton Harbor, County of Berrien, State of Michigan  
Marian Tripplett: Benton Charter Township, County of Berrien, State of Michigan

#### **Minutes of April Meeting:**

**A motion** was made by Edward Isom and seconded by Rich Hensel to accept the April meeting minutes with revisions.

#### **ROLL VOTE:**

Dyann Chenault Yes  
Edward Isom Yes  
Noreen Syzmanski Yes  
Ethel Clark-Griffin Yes  
Mamie Yarbrough Yes  
Rich Hensel Yes

#### **MOTION CARRIES**

**A motion** was made by Dyann Chenault and seconded by Noreen Szymanski to pay the April Bills.

**ROLL VOTE:**

Dyann Chenault	Yes
Ethel Clark-Griffin	Yes
Noreen Szymanski	Yes
Edward Isom	Yes
Mamie Yarbrough	Yes
Rich Hensel	Yes

**MOTION CARRIES**

**Director's Report:**

**A motion** was made by Richard Hensel and seconded by Dyann Chenault to adapt the Chrome Book Policy.

**ROLL VOTE:**

Ethel Clark-Griffin	Yes
Noreen Szymanski	Yes
Edward Isom	Yes
Dyann Chenault	Yes
Mamie Yarbrough	Yes
Richard Hensel	Yes

**MOTION CARRIES**

**A motion** was made by Dyann Chenault and seconded by Noreen Szymanski to formally apply for the Arts Midwest grant for the Black Author's programs and characters up to \$2500.

**ROLL VOTE:**

Ethel Clark-Griffin	Yes
Noreen Szymanski	Yes
Edward Isom	Yes
Dyann Chenault	Yes
Mamie Yarbrough	Yes
Rich Hensel	Yes

**MOTION CARRIES**

**A motion** was made by Richard Hensel and seconded by Noreen Szymanski to apply for a Best Buy Teen Tech Center Grant.

**ROLL VOTE:**

Edward Isom            Yes  
Mamie Yarbrough    Yes  
Dyann Chenault      Yes  
Ethel Clark-Griffin  Yes  
Noreen Szymanski    Yes  
Richard Hensel        Yes

**MOTION CARRIES**

**A motion** was made by Richard Hensel and seconded by Noreen Szymanski to raise line item 940-688 General Restricted Expenses by \$3000.

**ROLL VOTE:**

Marian Tripplett      Yes  
Ethel Clark-Griffin  Yes  
Noreen Szymanski    Yes  
Edward Isom            Yes  
Dyann Chenault      Yes  
Mamie Yarbrough    Yes  
Rich Hensel            Yes

**MOTION CARRIES**

**A motion** was made by Richard Hensel and seconded by Marian Tripplett to accept the following resolution:

Whereas: Mrs. Nora Szymanski has served with a skilled eye for numbers and management. and Whereas: Mrs. Szymanski has been a willing and interested Trustee demonstrated by hours of extra service in preparation for important community events such as the Harbor Shores Golf Course tour, receptions, and the Executive and Finance Committees. And Whereas: Mrs. Szymanski has helped Director Boyer with maintaining friendly and effective relations with our Benton Charter Township partners. Therefore: It is resolved by the Benton Harbor Public Library Board of Trustees to celebrate Mrs. Szymanski's excellent service, patronage, and ongoing friendship, and wish her well in her new home and community. In appreciation for your support and advocacy of the Benton Harbor Public Library Patrons, and Staff, The Board of Trustees and Director Kat Boyer, would like to present Mrs. Nora Szymanski with a lifetime permanent library card.

**ROLL VOTE:**

Dyann Chenault      Yes  
Edward Isom            Yes  
Ethel Clark-Griffin  Yes  
Marian Tripplett      Yes  
Mamie Yarbrough    Yes  
Noreen Szymanski    Yes  
Richard Hensel        Yes

**MOTION CARRIES**

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned 5:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Administrative Secretary Yvette Moore