### MINUTES

#### OAKLAND COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

# October 2nd, 2018

The meeting of the Oakland County Library Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

<u>Board Members Present</u>: Clara Bohrer, John Chambers, Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson, The Honorable Lisa Langton, Lillian Steuben, Shelley Goodman Taub, and Robert Tera

Also in attendance: Maria Danna, Library Supervisor, Laura Mancini, Director – Library, Chris Ward, Administrative Director, Oakland County Board of Commissioners

**Resolution #18-19:** Robert Tera moved to approve the meeting agenda. Shelley Taub seconded. Motion carried.

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Resolution #18-20: Clara Bohrer moved to approve the July 24th, 2018 meeting minutes as distributed. Judge Langton seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Resolution #18-21</u>: Clara Bohrer moved to approve the August 15<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes as distributed. Judge Langton seconded. Motion carried.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Board Officer Elections

<u>Resolution #18-22</u>: Shelley Taub moved to nominate Lillian Steuben as Secretary. Robert Tera seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Resolution #18-23</u>: Shelley Taub moved to nominate Robert Tera as Vice-Chair. Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Resolution #18-24</u>: Shelley Taub moved to nominate Clara Bohrer as Chair. Robert Tera seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution #18-25:** Robert Tera moved to nominate John Chambers as Chair. Judge Langton seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Resolution #18-26</u>: Shelley Taub moved to postpone the Chair election to the next Board meeting. Robert Tera seconded. Motion carried.

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS

#### 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## A. July-August 2018

Resolution #18-27: Shelley Taub moved to approve the July-August 2018 financial statements as distributed. Lillian Steuben seconded. Motion carried.

### 8. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

## A. Chair's Report - Chambers

John Chambers informed the Board that the Board of Commissioners allocated \$10,000.00 of the Library's budget to the Oakland Literacy Council.

# B. Library Services Subcommittee - Bohrer

Clara Bohrer reported to the Board that the subcommittee had created a proposed new mission statement. The subcommittee would next be reviewing the Library's current services to identify which would align with the proposed new mission.

## C. Library Subscriptions Subcommittee - Mancini

Laura Mancini reported that Judge Langton and Lillian Steuben have reviewed the subscription list and made their recommendations. Laura needs to combine these recommendations into one complete list for Board review.

# D. Library Services - Mancini

Written report noted and filed.

- In September, Law Library staff participated in a Courthouse "Active Shooter" Homeland Security drill.
- The new courtroom construction request will go to the Board of Commissioners for final approval on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- The Oakland County Genealogical Society has been notified that the County is ending its deposit agreement with it. The Society has until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to remove its collection from the Law Library.
- Laura Mancini has been reappointed as the non-lawyer representative to the State Bar Committee on Affordable Legal Services for 2019-2020.
- 22 legal aid clinics were held at the Law Library from July 26th to September 25th, 2018.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- Oakland County Library Usage Statistics Report for July-August, 2018
- Adams-Pratt Oakland County Law Library Summer Newsletter
- MichiganLegalHelp.org At a Glance report, 9/3/2018 summarizing the latest website content and usage statistics
- Municipal Law News article, March 15, 2018 "10 Critical Issues that Every Michigan Library Trustee Must Know" enumerates the ethical and legal precepts that library boards must embrace to be effective.

- Legal Services Corporation executive summary, June 2017 "The Justice Gap: Measuring the Unmet Civil Legal Needs of Low-Income Americans" presents a statistical overview of the legally-underserved community in America.
- American Bar Association Journal article, 4/24/2018 "The Tragedy of 'Deaccessioning' Books from University Libraries" about the importance of tangible collections to ensure complete and comprehensive legal research.
- The New York Times article, 9/10/2018 "To Restore Civil Society, Start with the Library" defends continued support for public libraries to counter the increasing socioeconomic polarization of American society.

## 10. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Oakland County Library Board was changed from November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Library Board Room/Second Floor/West Wing Extension.

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria E. Danna, Library Supervisor

John Chambers, Chair

Robert Tera, Secretary