

Benton Harbor Public Library Board Meeting

April 20, 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

ABSENT:

Board Member: Edward Isom

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Minutes of February Meeting:

A motion was made by Dyan Chenault and seconded by Edward Isom to accept the February meeting minutes with revisions.

ROLL VOTE:

Edward Isom Yes
Dyann Chenault Yes
Mamie Yarbrough Yes
Marian Tripplett Yes
Noreen Syzmanski Yes
Richard Hensel Yes

MOTION CARRIES

A motion was made by Edward Isom and seconded by Richard Hensel to pay the February Bills.

ROLL VOTE:

Dyann Chenault
Yes Mamie
Yarbrough Yes
Noreen
Szymanski Yes
Edward Isom Yes Marian Tripplett Yes Richard Hensel Yes

Director's Report:

A motion was made by Richard Hensel and seconded by Marian Tripplett to accept the Purdy Family donation of \$3000 for the purchase of one of the new copiers for the Library.

ROLL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED

A motion was made by Richard Hensel and seconded by Dyann Chenault to accept the LTC Grant from the American Library Association.

ROLL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED

A motion was made by Dyann Chenault and seconded by Noreen Szymanski to accept the Heart of Cook Grant.

ROLL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED

A motion was made by Dyann Chenault and seconded by Richard Hensel to accept the LSTA programming Grant for the Food Program.

ROLL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED

A motion was made by Richard Hensel and seconded by Ethel Clark-Griffin to give Kat Boyer permission to apply for the LSTA Grant to create a mobile Library service.

ROLL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED

A motion was made by Dyann Chenault and seconded by Noreen Szymanski to raise line item 688-G – General Restricted by \$10,000 taking its total from \$5,000 to \$15,000. This will be a raise in the total budget and will be covered for by money in our fund balance.

ROLL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 5:17 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Administrative Secretary Yvette Moore