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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING February 19, 2015

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Judeen Bartos at 7:00 pm.
2. Roll call: Judeen Bartos, Frank Castronova, Patrick Dengate, Kevin Yezbick. Adrienne Gilmore and Monique Herzig absent with notice. Director Jessica Keyser and Recording Secretary Kerrie Patterson also present.
3. Approval of agenda:
Motion: Approve the agenda. (Dengate/second Yezbick); passed unanimously.
4. Minutes: Approve January 15, 2015 **regular** meeting proposed minutes and **budget hearing** proposed minutes. Pat suggested amending item 12.
Motion: Change the language "...and send to local businesses." to: "... and send to local dignitaries, elected officials, and organizations." in item 12. (Dengate/second Castronova); passed unanimously.
Motion: Approve January 15, 2015 regular meeting proposed minutes as amended. (Dengate/second Yezbick); passed unanimously.
Motion: Approve January 15, 2015 budget hearing proposed minutes as presented. (Castronova/second Dengate); passed unanimously.
5. Public comments: None.
6. Director's report: (See att.) Copies of Josh Malerman's *Bird Box* were passed out to board members followed by a discussion of Ferndale Reads events inspired by the novel. The books will be available to the public at the Ferndale Reads Kick-Off on March 7th; patrons will be encouraged to attend events and do challenges to receive a copy, then remaining books will be given when asked for on a first-come, first-served basis once the events conclude. Judeen congratulated Ed's new role as assistant director. The value of using the Unique Management Service collection agency was discussed and deemed worthwhile.
7. Committee reports:
 - A. Art & Exhibitions: (See att.) The workshop mentioned in item 9 will be called, "How's Your Art Hanging?" and will focus on good business practices for artists and approaching galleries. SCORE does not charge for their workshops. John Sobczak's art will be exhibited in April rather than March as listed, and Lindsey Harnish's art will be exhibited

in March instead. It is uncertain at this time if Eileen Toro will remain a member of the committee.

Motion: Approve Lindsey Harnish in the committee for the next year as a non-board and non-staff member. (Dengate/second Yezbick); passed unanimously.

B. Building & Finance: The library is still working to get an independent bank account. An RFP for an audit has been drafted, but the timing of the audit was discussed. The audit should be for fiscal year 2015, which will end mid-year. A second RFP will need to go out for financial services, after the audit. An auditing firm has yet to be chosen but a list of those commonly used by other libraries has been obtained. Kevin Yezbick will remain on the Building & Finance committee as a board member; he was a non-board/non-staff member prior to last month. General building heating issues were discussed, and though not perfect, temperatures in the study rooms have improved over the last year.

C. Communications: (See att.) The Headlee/Street Parks Bond renewal was discussed. It was determined that the library and board could provide information on the topic such as ballot language, but could not voice an official stance as a body. As individuals, however, members and staff can voice their opinions off the clock as long as they don't use library resources and claim to speak on its behalf or the behalf of the board. The issue will be on the May 5th ballot.

D. Friends of the FL: No meeting in February, but a strategic planning luncheon is scheduled on the 28th.

E. Fundraising and Development: No formal report. Every business listed prior has been sent a letter, but follow-up calls have yet to be made. 10 plaques are ready to be affixed to the donor wall.

F. Personnel: No report.

8. Upcoming Events:

A. Mayor's Business Council Award's Presentation – February 26th: Bartos, Keyser and Herzig plan to attend.

B. Post Holiday Library Bash – February 27th: Open to all staff and board members. Board members can donate to event. Red Tap Drought Solutions donated \$100 towards it in advance.

C. FFL Strategic Planning – February 28th: Discussed.

D. Ferndale Reads Kick-Off – March 7th: Public library event which begins at 3pm.

E. Ferndale Education Foundation Dinner – March 13th: Oscars themed; tickets still available.

F. Jessica will be out of the country from April 6th-20th and won't be able to attend the April board meeting.

9. Review action items: None.

10. Announcements/comments from board members:

A. One day left to see Pat's artwork at Level One Bank.

B. Frank: Robert Sabuda, a pop-up book artist will have a hands-on workshop and lecture about pop-up books at the library on Saturday, May 9th from 12-3 pm. This

event is co-sponsored by the Book Club of Detroit. Also, Rabbi Herschel Finman will be hosting a Purim celebration March 4th in the community room. Costumes encouraged; and one doesn't have to be Jewish to attend and enjoy. There will be a reading of the book Esther and refreshments.

11. Adjourn:

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. (Dengate/second Castronova); passed unanimously.