

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
October 24, 2018
180 E. Commerce Road
Commerce Township, Michigan 48382**

CALL TO ORDER: Barbara Garbutt, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Commerce Township Library.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Barbara Garbutt, Chairperson
Jason Pernick, Vice Chairperson
Betsy LaFond, Secretary
David Scott, Township Supervisor
Barry Hiscox
Shane Lakner
Judy Sternberg

Also Present: Connie Ozinga, Library Director

A student from Milford High School was in attendance.

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Sternberg, supported by Lakner, to approve the October 24, 2018 Library Board Agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by LaFond, supported by Sternberg, to approve the Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2018, as submitted.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEM 4: CORRESPONDENCE

None

ITEM 5: FINANCIAL REPORT

Connie Ozinga, Library Director, submitted and reviewed with the Board the September 2018 Statistics, Statistics Comparison Report and the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ending September 30, 2018.

ITEM 6: LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Ozinga reported on the following:

The library building has won an architectural award from the Huron Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Art (AIA). This is a regional group. They will present the library with a plaque.

The MLA Conference was very good this year. They handed out stylus pens. She would like to hand stylus pens out to seniors who have a harder time using the end of their finger when operating a cell phone or tablet.

Drag Queen story hour - Drag queen story hours are going on at libraries around the country and causing problems for various communities. See these links for news stories:

<https://boingboing.net/2018/10/22/anti-gay-protestors-sue-librar.html>

<https://nypost.com/2018/09/02/drag-queen-story-hour-sparks-protests-inconservative-towns/>

<http://oaklandcounty115.com/2017/12/15/huntington-woods-hosts-michigans-firstdrag-queen-story-time-more-to-come/>

<https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/drag-queen-story-hour-brings-prideglamor-libraries-across-u-n884671>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/19/style/drag-queen-story-hour-puts-the-rainbow-in-reading.html>

ALA page on this topic: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/libraries-respond-drag-queen-story-hour>

I have received this request from the Youth Department to do a drag queen story time. I would normally approve this, but this time I would like your input on how to handle this.

A few weeks ago the Youth Department posted some LBGTQ books on our Facebook page and had mostly very positive comments; 3 negative, 20 positive.

ITEM 6: LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

I received the following letter:

Dear Connie,

I spoke with Trista and I would like to do a Drag Queen Story Hour with families. We've had other special guests read books for Storytime in the recent past and had a very good turnout. The library is a welcoming space for all people, and a Drag Queen Story Hour can help to teach kids about inclusivity and acceptance while also giving a fun Storytime in a different way than they are used to. Kids are very accepting of new ideas, and the articles I found on the program show that kids respond overwhelmingly positively to the program and really enjoy it. This is done in libraries across the US from Vermont to Alaska.

I plan on contacting a local Drag Queen Bingo group to see if they have anyone who would be interested in doing this. I can also contact the Drag Queen Story Hour organization and ask if they know of anyone in the area who has expressed interest to them. We would work with the storyteller in choosing a book and deciding how to structure the Storytime. We would also provide a craft afterward.

Book Options:

Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress by Christine Baldacchino
It's Okay to be Different by Todd Parr
Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love
My Princess Boy by Cheryl Kilodavis
I Love My Purse by Belle Demont
Jacob's New Dress by Sarah Hoffman
Pink is for Boys by Robb Pearlman
Sugar and Snails by Sarah Tsiang
Jamie is Jamie by Afsaneh Moradian
Jack not Jacki by Erica Silverman

Sincerely,

Ashley Rossetto, Youth Services Librarian

"The public library is a cornerstone of democracy, a place where all people are welcome and safe to learn, create, express and explore in ways that better their lives. By creating safe and welcoming spaces that honor diversity and inclusion, the public library can honor its traditional mission, while evolving to meet changing needs over time."

Katie O'Dell, Programming and Outreach Librarian at Oregon's Multnomah County Library

ITEM 6: LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

Chairperson Garbutt said we should treat everyone equally and advertise this program the same way we do any other program held at the library.

Supervisor Scott does not have a problem with the library promoting any type of educational material as long as it is advertised the same as other programs are.

Pernick feels we should be alert to the idea that some people will be against this. We should not endorse or condemn this program. We should adopt a neutral position for those people that object the program.

Lakner agrees with Pernick.

ITEM 7: OLD BUSINESS

a. 2019 Budget

Supervisor Scott said the budget was discussed during a Special Board Meeting held last night. The budget is moving forward. He added some projects to the overall budget but nothing that affects the library.

b. Water

Water plans keep changing on how to fix the water issue. Chris Zaidell, Maintenance, started cleaning the mixing valve today. He will remove and replace the anode rod from the water heater next week. Removing the rod will void the warranty on the water heater but since there is only one year left on the warranty, they determined this was the only way to hopefully solve the problem. Bottled water is still in the refrigerator for employee use. There are 3 water sources that do not go through the water heater at all. They will be doing regular draining of the water heater. The Water Commission tested all the water in the building and the water is safe to drink.

c. Chairs

Director Ozinga is not finished looking at options to purchase chairs. The following is what she has to date:

	One	Eight
Current Worden chair: (Library Design)	\$1149	\$9192
Jasper chair: (Library Design)	\$ 475	\$3797
Vion Chair OFS	\$ 362	\$2896

This is the side chair in the Dodge Room. Cost to Richardson for 150 of this chair was \$203 per chair

ITEM 7: OLD BUSINESS (Chairs continued)

Restaurant style chairs \$ 147

At Richardson (Emily England, Senior Director, would not work with this Company again).

Chairperson Garbutt – we need to make sure we purchase good quality chairs.

Director Ozinga would like to speak with other Library Directors on chairs they have before a decision is made.

MOTION by Lakner, supported by Sternberg, to Table purchase of chairs for the Township Library. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Broken Chairs - Lakner said he was able to replicate the top rail of the chairs at a cost of \$20 for two chairs. Chairperson Garbutt thanked Mr. Lakner for the work he has done for the library.

The library holiday closing schedule is complete. She would like to add one more closing date to the schedule for an in-service training day. She asked who she should contact for active shooter training. Supervisor Scott recommended she contact Lt. Schroeder to set up training. Pernick suggested she add CPR and AED training for employees.

ITEM 8: NEW BUSINESS

None

ITEM 9: TOWNSHIP BOARD REMARKS

Supervisor Scott –

- The Michigan Airline trail is open for use. The M5 Bridge is scheduled to be complete around February 19, 2019. A 2.3 Million Dollar Grant was received from the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation for the paved pathway.
- Scarlet's Smile Foundation received a \$50,000 grant from Detroit auto dealers. To date they have approximately \$600,000 and growing to build an all-inclusive playground next to the library.
- Commerce Township Fire Department was declined for the second year in a row for the Federal SAFER Grant. This would have provided funding for 10 firefighters for 3 years.
- A \$50,000 grant was awarded by SEMCOG for Commerce Township, the City of Walled Lake, Milford Township, Highland Township, White Lake Township, Waterford Township, the City of Wixom and the Village of Wolverine Lake to work jointly towards a West Oakland Township Transportation Interlocal

Agreement for senior transportation. They will reach out to the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation for a \$1,000,000 grant.

- They are expecting a large turnout for the November 6th election.
- Pernick congratulated Supervisor Scott and the Township for a job well done reducing political signs in the right of ways.
- The 23 year old male resident of West Bloomfield that vandalized Mill Race Park was apprehended and arraigned. An 18 year old female resident of West Bloomfield is expected to turn herself in shortly.
- An artist from southeast Michigan would like to turn all of the stonework in the Township into a historical mural at no cost to Township. This will go before the Parks and Recreation Committee.

ITEM 10: RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

None

ITEM 11: OTHER MATTERS

The Friends of the Library Book sale generated over \$7,400.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Lakner, supported by Sternberg, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

MOTION CARRIED ANIMOUSLY

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Betsy LaFond, Secretary

The next regular meeting of the Commerce Township Library Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2018.