

Mars Area Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

23 September 2019

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Mycka, President, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting began with a Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD ATTENDEES: Caitlyn Boland (MAPL Director), Nancy Hudac, Nancy Mycka, and Steven Chadwick were present. Ed McCaul participated by phone call. Steven Chadwick was excused after votes were taken due to personal reasons.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steven Chadwick made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on August 19, 2019 as written. Ed McCaul seconded it. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote and will be posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Ed McCaul via phone call. The Actual Income was \$39,130.19. Expenses were listed as \$21,353.89. Net Ordinary Income was listed as \$17,776.30. The report reflects the quarterly contribution from Adams Township. Questions submitted by Frank Haustovich at last month's meeting re: the variance in salary for Director's present and past were answered. The variance was due to normal salary plus matching funds. Caitlyn Boland provided back-up information. A motion was made to accept the August's Treasurer's Report by Nancy Hudac and seconded by Steven Chadwick.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: MAPL had 610 participants in Summer Reading, up from approximately 550 participants last year. We are sending Sarah Boyce to the PaLA conference in Erie October 13 - 16th. Caitlyn Boland will be attending the Keystone Grant Pre Application workshop to gather information. The train/Lego table has been completed and donated by Jessica Beasley for the children's room. The Library will be closed Saturday, October 5th during Applefest but the Community Room will remain open for the Friend's Book Sale. Inventory is complete for the entire Library collection. We still do not have public computer access or public wifi. Library staff and volunteers are still working from our temporary laptop setup.

BCFLS: BCFLS met 9/4 and 9/18/19 to discuss the ransomware hack. The virus was stopped but 25 computers were attacked. \$30,000 was put toward the project but \$100,000 may be

needed for a complete fix. Tom Curley, Cranberry Township provided excellent help but ATEC may be formally hired. MAPL was able to purchase 2 computers for our own use.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: MAPL received 2 quotes on exterior projects just last Friday and the Board is determining which option may be the best. Interior projects will be the focus for winter months. Decisions will be made related to priorities.

PLANNING: The Strategic Plan will be addressed in the next few months. Our service area is expanding in population and our service demands are changing.

FUND RAISING: MAPL is fund raising now through the end of October with a shoe collection. Our goal is to collect 100 bags of 22 pairs each with gently worn shoes that will be sent to underprivileged countries for repurposing/recycling. MAPL will receive \$0.40/ pound.

The Friends are having a Used Book Sale during October Fest, 10/5/19 from 9-5 pm.

The Annual Campaign begins shortly. Letters will be mailed out to donors in November. BCCC is collecting people's experiences about what libraries mean to them.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Mars Boro has submitted 2 candidates for MAPL Board positions. Interviewing will be scheduled immediately. After a full Board is recruited MAPL By-Laws will be reviewed.

The next meeting date is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

There was a motion to adjourn by Nancy Mycka and Nancy Hudac seconded it. The motion carried unanimously. This meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Hudac
Board Secretary