

Mars Area Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

15 October 2018

The meeting was called to order by Marcy Bogdanich, President, at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Peaco, Rita Garvey, Gregg Hartung,, Fran Martinelli, Frank Haustovich, Mike Fleming, Ruth Wilson Himmerlster and Kevin Radford (Mars Police Department) were in attendance.

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Linda Lees made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held on 9/17/18. Steve Chadwick seconded it.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Joanne Tisdale reviewed the financial report. She reported that the finances were right on target and under budget \$5,000.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Past Event Highlights:

"Rambler: A Family Pushes Through the Fog of Mental Illness" by Linda K. Schmitmeyer. Sept 29th at 4pm. This event also was very popular with about 50-60 people in attendance. We are currently selling signed copies of the book in the Library for \$18.

Earlier this month the Library partnered with the Fire Station to hold a special story time for Fire Prevention Week There were approximately 50 children in attendance. We received a lot of positive feedback. Many thanks to the firefighters for their excellent work.

Upcoming Events Highlights:

Western PA Paranormal Society - Thursday, October 18th at 6pm
STEAM Saturday - this October 20th - Topic: Balance

Halloween Storytime Party - October 31st at 10:30am

Odds and Ends:

Children's Room Project - Re cataloging and reorganizing the picture books by subject to make the collection more easily accessible to it's audience.

Staff Day - Wednesday, December 5th

National Friends of the Library Week - October 21-27th

BCFLS:

Marcy Bogdanich reported that at their next meeting on Wednesday a new director will be chosen.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE:

Steve Chadwick reported no new news but expressed delight that the street was being paved.

PERSONNEL:

The Board unanimously agreed to the terms of Caitlyn Boland's maternity leave.

FUND RAISING:

The Friends of the Library reported a successful House Tour. \$577 was earned as a result of the raffle baskets. \$891 was earned as a result of the Book Sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

The budget for 2019 is being worked on and Joanne Tisdale reported that MAPL is in a good place for the next fiscal year. The new budget will be voted on in November.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marcy Bogdanich answered the questions posed at the last Board meeting by Frank Haustovich.

1. How long have you been on the Board? How many officer positions have you held?

- 1st Board term began January 2012
- VP/Acting President in 2018 upon the term limits for Ellen Flemma
- Secretary in 2017

Discussion also included recognition of Marcy's award of 2017 Outstanding Art Teacher Emeritus for the various contributions in the field of art, such as the Art Show held in the Library and Mars New Year painting activity.

2. When did the Library become a non-profit?

- MAPL was and is established as a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity entity and functions for educational purposes. The MAPL mission is to inform, educate, entertain, and culturally enrich our service area by providing books, library materials, facilities, and professional services for all individuals. It was incorporated in 1947.

3. Is it accurate for nonprofit libraries to disclose how the monies will be sent?

- How different libraries choose to manage their financial transparency is individual to each entity. MAPL's financial reports are shared with our supporting municipalities and are available to the public on request.
- After completing research concerning the status of the Mars Area Public Library, the following information has been identified:

a. According to the IRS, the Mars Public Library (EIN 25-1127865) is considered a public charity. That means that over 40% of Library funding comes from public sources, in this case, the municipalities.

· Verifying documents include:

o Deductibility Code: PC (Public Charity) found on the [IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search Database](#)

o Public Charities must complete Form 990; Private Foundations must complete Form 990-PF. [The Mars Public Library files a Form 990.](#)

b. In 2013, the Mars Area Public Library submitted an Article of Incorporation document to the Pennsylvania Department of State to update to its current name to Mars Area Public Library Association. The Library has been incorporated since its beginning in 1947 under Mars Public Library Association.

*o Mike Gallagher interpreted that the term 'private' may be referred to only in that as a Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation, the Library is not directly controlled by the municipalities. *Public Charities often become**

incorporated, and doing so does not make the organization a private non profit in any other official capacity. In Butler County, South Butler, Cranberry and Evans City Public Libraries are also incorporated.

The MAPL Bylaws are being reviewed by Middlesex Township. Mars Boro is still on hold regarding its recommendations for MAPL Board positions.

There was a motion to adjourn by Joanne Tisdale. Nancy Mycka seconded it.

The next meeting date is scheduled for Monday November 19, 2018 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Hudac

Board Secretary