

Mars Area Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
28th February 2022

Board Attendees: Mary Boburczak, Ed McCaul, Rob Vigue, Ray Abate, Vanessa Fellers were in attendance. Jenn Bainbridge attended virtually.

Public Attendees: Frank Haustovitch

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting held in November and December by Rob Vigue and seconded by Jenn Bainbridge.

Librarian Report: Working on 2 storytimes. Book and brews. Knitting group and yoga adventure. Pk group, teen study and weekly/, monthly make and take it craft. So far 2,000 have been made. Mars Primary center visiting this week. AARP tax service using community room Tuesday through the month of April. The borough of Mar is turning 150 and Bonnie reached out, want to celebrate in a special way. "One book one Community", maybe an author visit? Battle of the books.

Treasure Report: November, December and January were approved. All in favor- passed.

BCFLS: had correspondent. Ray wasn't able to connect on the site.

Building and Maintenance: This should be finalized by March, that was the timeline. Lisa from Friends group is looking to have teens put their artwork in the area to decorate. Jill Walsh mural: they want to keep the history, just touch it up and repaint over it. She will be volunteering her service to do it over a weekend this summer. Talked about walking outside of the library to see what exterior the library needs and interior.

Roof: Waiting on Sweeney to have the gutter replaced before we can do a repair on the roof. He's waiting on the contractor.

Sidewalk: Have 2 Bids. Detwiler labor is \$8204 and 2nd Bid from Chuck Ciafry, gave us a ballpark of \$7500. Made a motion to accept Detwilder bid for \$8204. Ray will speak with Detwilder and if it's an increase he will bring it back to the board, he will follow through to get more detail. Need a firm estimate to confirm the invoice. Ray will check if he is bonded and insured. Contingent upon not changing.

Sign: Received two estimates for the sign. 1st quote came in at \$11,572, given my Sign Pro. The sign will be one-sided it has a 5-year warranty. No motion going forward, want to work on one thing at a time and do the sidewalk first.

Front Area: BCLF guarantee grants us the money and it should be two weeks turn around and furniture is what we could use it for. Caitlyn plans to submit a grant proposal to pay for a portion

of the furniture. Grant would be \$4,701. We will find out between April-August when it will be awarded, Tiffany would let us know. Ed made a motion to pay for the furniture aside from the grant. All in favor- Pass.

HR/Personnel: Elizabeth will be having her 2nd baby in a few weeks and will be taking 3 weeks off.

Planning: Tech Plan: Survey should be launching tomorrow. The board will distribute the survey to local senior groups and collect them by the end of the month.

Fundraising: Annual campaign update is \$37,035

July Event: "Libation for the library" will be held at Dented Keg on July 12th from 5:30-9:30 pm. Jenn Brainbridge will have a celebrity bartender to volunteer his time and do a meet and greet. The fundraiser will have a silent auction and band. Working on getting quotes. October will be hosting Brew for Books proceeds will go to the library. Working on letting for donation for tax exemption.

New Business: Board committee: want to finalize the committee. Waiting on Middlesex.

Fine Free 2023: Looking to get rid of fines and BCLF also offers a fine free. Caitlyn wants to propose community rent-out rates to offer a more fair price. The current rental fee is \$60. Maybe raising the price will help the library with its offset cost.

Old Business: looking into having a 2nd meeting where we meet virtually. Filling the board vacancy.

Public Comments: Frank mentioned moving forward as much as they can. The library should be the leader and use its resources. Talked about the keystone grant, the library should apply for it.

Check Signing: Ray was appointed to start signing checks.

Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for March 21st. Ed made a motion and Mary seconded the motion at 8:49 pm.