

**Mars Area Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 21, 2022**

Call meeting to order: Motion to approve minutes for February: Jenn made a motion, 2nd by Ray, all in favor

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report: motion to approve report: Ed motion and Rob 2nd the motion, all in favor

Librarian Report: Mars Primary Center visits the Mars Library during two day period. 450 new library cards were distributed.

Higher attendance with storytime on Wednesday mornings. Discussion to offer more storytimes.

April- financial literacy month collaboration with Mars bank, financial literacy, cardboard pirate, and treasure chest for display.

April- Young child early care and education are once again doing family kit bags. They were able to give to 50 kids and families. More info and activities

April national library week- pirate display and giveaways.

Annual review completion- still waiting

Borough mars- Celebration having 2nd meeting. They would like the library to be involved. Next Tuesday is the meeting

BCLFS: meeting through zoom on Wednesday

Building/maintenance:

Teen space: Arrived in space last Wednesday, will get back, and will schedule. May 18th for the front area to be delivered.

Roof: Gutter replaced last week. Completion on Tuesday. Waiting on Garland to be ready

Sidewalks: Amount \$8204. With certificate of liability. Later part of April to start working. We locked down a price.

Motion to approve sidewalk: Rob 1st motion then 2nd motion Jen.

The memorial bench has arrived. Pull the old bench to go in its place.

Signage: Will revisit. Clean up the rest of the area. Focus on more weather dependent. Painting or Faux brick. Dress painting all white. Look into quotes for painting and for Faux brick. ‘

Growth and collection: Double side row, add on 2 more bookshelf- \$8,000 could invest.

Consider purchasing a tall row every 2 years. (book display)

Motion signage discussion in 3 months- rob motion and Jen 2nd motion for June meeting.

Pitt partnership: Asked by Pitt planning for next year needs to know by April. Kelsie will grad with Masters in science. Done at end of August. Program she offers yoga was the most attending. Huge amount of value in Pitt partnership.

HR Elizabeth's due date is today. Off for 3 weeks. We will continue with Pitt Partnership in 2022-2023

Planning:

Tech plan- 84 surveys online.

Penn Mar Ed will pick up at the end of the month.

Focus on 3D printer, robotics, wanting programs focus on tech. Age: Youth side.

Updated Room Rental Policy: \$100 per rental and non-residents: \$150

Motion to approve adjusted: Jen 1st motion Rob motion 2nd, all in favor

Censorship policy: for planning committee can present a draft to the board.

Fundraising:

Libations for the Library- July 12th Event, 5:30-8:30pm. 4 Celebrity bartenders. Live music \$120 band an hour.

Friends Book Sale - May 5-7th

New Business: None

Old Business:

Board Vacancy: Start circulation emails and time to meet with candidates.

Fine Free 2023: Has to be all-county.

Not an individual basis. Can ask for donations. Every child can go home with a book.

100 year: Jen suggested- 100 recipes to make a Mars library book. Reflect on the Mars area and its history of it. General memory yearbook.

Public comments: Mars historical society. Look to see if they may have info.

Middlesex: vacancy - Check bylaws regarding how many candidates are supposed to be recommended by township per opening

Outside building: 20 years sorely neglected. Needs to look a professional look, which could increase the value of the library. Exterior needs improvement. Faux brick was suggested to be considered

Meeting Close: Ed made a motion: Rob 2nd motion, all in favor.