

Mars Area Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
21 May 2018

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Flemma, President, at 5:01 p.m.

Board Members present were: Ellen Flemma, Joanne Tisdale, Nancy Hudac, Nancy Mycka, Caitlyn Boland. Absent were Steve Chadwick, Marcy Bogdanich, Linda Lees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rita Garvey, Ruth Wilson, Herb Wellman, Frank Haustovich, Fran Martinelli, Marilyn Watson, Gregg Hartung were in attendance.

Frank Haustovich demanded to see a copy of the MAPL financials. He wanted to know what \$109,618.95 was earmarked for and demanded to know what the Building Fund Account is earmarked for. Joanne Tisdale explained "fixed assets". Caitlyn Boland explained that these funds were restricted. \$43,000 was used for repairs to the building. Frank Haustovich interrupted and demanded to know who donated \$27,000 to make it restricted use. Tisdale and Boland again attempted to explain the financials to the crowd. Tisdale & Boland were interrupted again by Frank Haustovich who commented that no one knew of the MAPL plans to move to another site. He noted that money was refused by Adams Township Board of Supervisors. Tisdale again attempted to explain that in the past money was given to MAPL for restricted use. Some money has been returned to the donors. Frank Haustovich again referred to the June 16, 2018 meeting with Adams Township Supervisors. A heated exchange occurred between Haustovich and Board Members. Haustovich stated that there is a complete lack of trust and transparency with the MAPL Board.

Marilyn Watson asked if money donations are listed on an audit when received. Again it was explained that the previous Board returned money earmarked solely for a new library building.

Frank Haustovich interrupted that according to our financial statement MAPL has zero money restricted.

Rita Garvey commented that the By-laws now require 2 weeks written notice to speak at a meeting. She expressed her interest in applying for a MAPL Board position. She requested that the hours be changed to the evening to accommodate those with a working schedule. She wants the hours of the Board Meeting to be advertised.

Caitlyn Boland noted that the Board is presently working on re-writing the By-laws and this will be finalized by the fall of this year.

Gregg Hartung stated that the community should give this new MAPL Board time to adjust until the fall. "We should compliment each other rather than antagonize". Frank

Haustovich interrupted Gregg Hartung in a hostile manner. Gregg Hartung restated we should take a more positive approach.

Frank Haustovich announced that he would pay for all the ceiling tiles that would need to be replaced. He indicated that Rita Garvey should be a Board Member because she can look at all the books that come in and make appropriate decisions about them and place them in Kiosks provided by the Boy Scouts.

Nancy Mycka indicated that a new roof doesn't just happen quickly. Boland explained that bids are coming in now. Haustovich demanded to know if a new roof would be installed by the fall. Frank Haustovich made reference to a letter to Swaney dated 1/8/2018 that MAPL needed a new roof ASAP. "What's the story?"

Ellen Flemma redirected the conversation.

MINUTES:

Joanne Tisdale made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held on April 16,2018. Nancy Mycka seconded it. All were in favor.

TREASURER:

Joanne Tisdale noted MAPL was under budget \$3,500. Financials were reviewed noting that the YTD saw a carry over of \$88384 from the annual campaign.

LIBRARIAN:

Past Events:

NASA rocket launch partnership with Mars went well.

STEAM Saturday: Bird Nests was well attended. The STEAM Saturday program has been well received in general

Lyme disease Seminar - 40 people in attendance.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, June 8th - would like to have a late open at 12pm instead of 10am. Staff are coming in if able to try to do extra cleaning and organizing so everything is in tip top shape before Summer.

June 9th is Adams Township Community Day. We are signed up to participate.

Summer Reading Kickoff is Monday June 11th, 12-3pm.

Saturday, June 16: Skate for the Library Day at Penguins Complex

Story-hikes, Reader's Theater, Craft Nights, Arm Chair Travelers Club, Kids Program-Special Presenters ever Wed at 1pm

June 13: How will you save for higher education?

June 14: Monarch Butterfly lady
Odds and Ends:

Saturday Summer Hours Begin June 2 (10 weeks) 10-2pm

Names are officially updated on the bank accounts. We closed the safety deposit box.

Elizabeth Hoy is back at work and doing well. Some limping and soreness.

Alicia Fenton and Grace Rihs will be graduating high school and heading off to college. Alicia's last day will be May 31st and Grace's last day will be June 21st.

Interviewing for a part time circulation clerk this Wednesday afternoon

New cash register using Apple Square App. Now we can accept credit cards.

Building and Grounds:

Leaking suspected due to snow being plowed up to the building

Mars borough has verbally agreed to do our snow maintenance this coming year.

New roof quote from Dave Kennedy and Scott Feineigle Construction for the board to review

Talked to Richard Mannis, Code Enforcement for Mars Borough and Kevin, the police department chief. Mannis took a copy of the 34 spot parking lot suggestions and will be doing measurements and get back to me to make sure we wouldn't be encroaching on Swaney's property. No other concerns.

Will be seeking bids on renovating back rooms and upstairs to potentially create tutoring rooms, a more accessible ADA compliant restroom and useable storage.

BCFLS:

BCFLS met April 18 at the Zelianople library.

Five WiFi Hot Spots were purchased with technology monies. Hot Spots will be kept at the BCFLS office and will be available for county library use.

Electronic voting was reviewed. The Law states that all must vote and the vote must be unanimous to pass.

Petroleum Valley Public Library is ready for occupancy and the North Trails PL is looking into a building addition.

The BCFLS Banned Patron Policy was discussed. The focus is on safety for patrons and employees. All directors agreed that banned patrons be banned from all BCFLS libraries.

Next meeting : June 20 in Butler

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Wet wall/ leaks on walls due to incorrectly plowing the snow away from the building. This will be resolved by Mars Boro who agreed to plow the parking lot. Redrawing Parking lines could increase the number of spaces to 34. Measurements must be done. Bids for the bathrooms, tutoring rooms & finish the second floor space for storage are wish list items. Boland will speak with the code enforcement officer.

PERSONNEL:

Covered in Librarians Report.

FUND RAISING:

Fictious Feast will be scheduled in the Spring of 2019. A House Tour is planned for the fall of 2018. A suggestion was made to get the Garden Club involved along with Friends of the Library.

NEW BUSINESS;

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS;

The results of the Needs Assessment Survey was discussed.

Total Responses: 254

Male: 50

Female: 229

Ages:

U-18	3
18-35	45
36-55	117
Over 55	110

Residence:

Adams	161
Middlesex	50
Mars Born	60
Valencia	9

Respondents use the library every 3 months. They asked for STEAM Programs (111), a large Community Room (96), Instruction in computers/Internet/technology (90), Book Drop Off Kiosks (80), Story Time Room (67), Quiet Reading/Study Rooms(63), Programs for Teens (80) and Older Adults (78). Helpfulness of staff & courtesy of staff scored Exceeds Expectations - Satisfactory. The size of the collections needs improvement. Children's Programs ranked high. Overall satisfaction with MAPL fell in

the Good to Excellent range. 130/254 would definitely support efforts to improve MAPL facilities through Community Fund Raising.

ADJOURNMENT:

Nancy Mycka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Joanne Tsidale seconded it.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hudac, Board Secretary