

Mars Area Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 16th, 2024 Minutes

Call meeting to order made a motion to Ray to approve the meeting and 2nd Staci approved the minutes of the motion.

Committee reports: Ray made the 1st motion and Emily 2nd the motion. All approved

Treasure Report: Motion to approve: Rob made the motion and Staci 2nd to motion. All in favor. The Mars Library should be receiving the 2nd installment from Middlesex shortly.

Librarian Report:

- Janae heading to PaLA conference Oct 6-9 as Best Practice award winner for Community Clothes Swap
- Community Outreach: Vince has continues to resume Tech time& Trivia at PenMar. Added Overbrook Senior care to monthly visits. Storytime at Little House & Appleseed. Still in talks with St. Barnabas for a tech time.
- August had a total of 29 program and 662 attendees
- Youth programming: Touch a truck event- Sept 28th at 11am. Lego Club, Sept. 26.
- Starting a Teen advisory Board.
- Slime Time Steam activity for tweens/teens. Sept 25th
- Adult program: Sunny Spaces Sept 16
- Library will be closed Oct 14th
- Applefest: Looking into having a firetruck or donut food truck to attract more traffic.

BCFLS:

- Rob met, not new information
- Patron Purge

Building Maintenance. The gutter is bad and needs to someone to check on it.

Over the weekend the building experienced a power outage due to a bird. It managed to be recovered after 3 hours.

Planning. Nothing to report

Fundraising:

- Friends of the Library Book Fair starting Wednesday Oct. 2nd- through Apple Fest. This year they are having a preview night sale.
- T-Mobile Hometown Grants-Still waiting on Design Plan and budget to submit
- Keystone Grant waiting on design plan and budget. Don't think we will have it done on time this year.
- PLA Digital Literacy Workshop due Oct 18th for \$5,000, awarded in Nov. - **Officially applied and submitted**

Old business:

Notary is still something that we are looking into possibly in the 2025 budget.

To get certified it's a 3-month training turnaround. Pending further investigation for next meeting

As for passport: needs to be approved. \$35 fee the library gets to keep.

Still looking to fill new board members. It will be for Middlesex and the Borough. We need a min of two application. Currently have one applicant from the Mars Borough.

Emily, Janae & Jenn attended the Middlesex meeting. Spoke on stats and our new building. Working on the budget for October.

New business:

Public Comments: \$40,000 did they reinstate the fourth payment. From 160 to 120. It's the month that changed. 4 installments. Before Russ, Adams use to give \$ to the library no discussion.

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Overall planning: the designs are not done. We will have more space in the new building discovery center more room and space. Maybe content from NASA.

Next meeting: Monday, October 21st. Rob made a motion to adjourn and Staci 2nd the motion.